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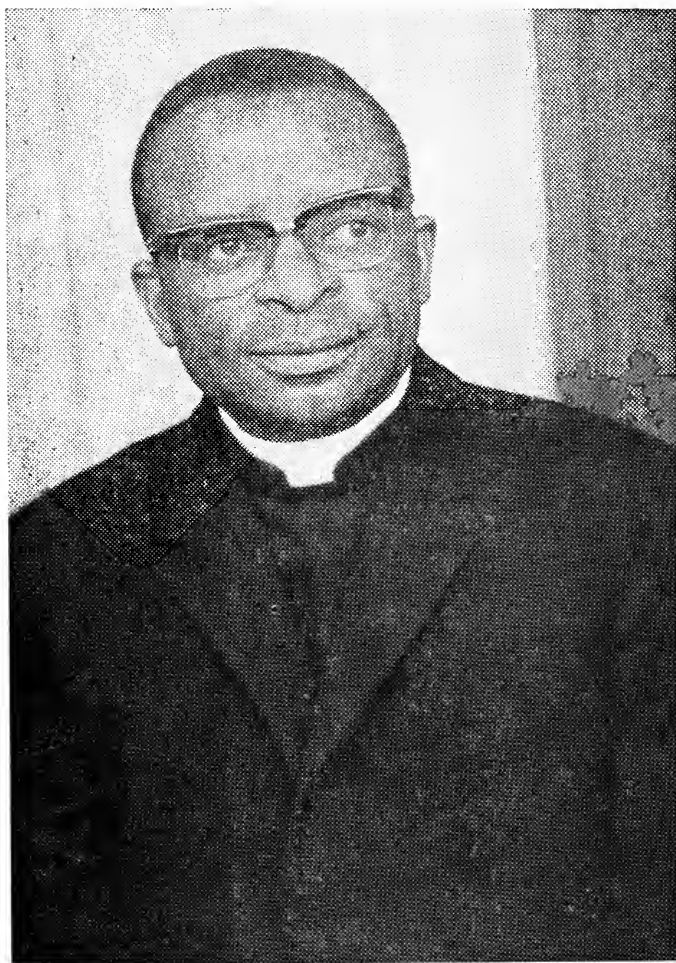
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- 1934 Chieza, Luke, Rujeko Store, P. B. A7001, Umtali.
- 1927 Chieza, Philip, P. O. Box 136, Rusape.
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- 1926 Chimbadzwa, Josiah, P. O. Watsomba.
- 1933 Chitombo, Jonah, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1907 James, Henry I., Harbour House West Bay, Bridgeport Desert, England.
- 1932 Kasambira, Silas, P. B. C7314, Umtali.
- 1924 Katsidzira, Benjamin, P. B. M7209, Umtali.
- 1930 p Katsidzira, Hosea, P. O. Box 62, Mrewa.
- 1953 p Machiri, Jonah, Chipfatsura, P. O. Box 97, Odzi.
- 1930 p Machiri, Patrick, Gonongono United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 32, Odzi.
- 1930 p Maramba, Johnson, Nyakatsapa, P. O. Watsomba.
- 1928 p Muparutsa, Moses, Muparutsa School, c/o Gatsi School, P.B. 82G Penhalonga.
- 1930 p Munjoma, Enoch, Matendeudze, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1910 O'Farrell, T. A., 417 Kitchel Ave., Pana, Illinois 62557, U.S.A.
- 1921 Roberts, George A., P. O. Box 543, Penney Farms, Florida, 32079, U.S.A.
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- 1952 Bjerkerot, Ernst (furlough)
- 1940 p Blomquist, Lennart G., Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1948 p Chidzikwe, Josiah, P. B. P7024, Umtali
- 1942 p Chigubu, Nason, Manyika School, Uzumba Council, P. O. Uzumba, via Mrewa.
- 1953 p Chikosi, Davidson, Nyanyadzi Methodist Church, P. O. Nyanyadzi.
- 1955 p Chimbanga, Elijah, Mrewa East Circuit, Mrewa Kraal, P. O. Box 10, Mrewa.
- 1973 Chinoda, Micah, P.B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1973 p Chitiyo, Elia, Chitenderano School, P.B. 2006, Inyazura.
- 1952 p Chiza, Martin, Mrewa Mission, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
- 1948 p Choto, Kenneth, Nyadiri Methodist Centre, P. B. 636E, Sby.
- 1943 Culver, Maurice, (furlough)
- 1957 p Curtis, Thomas L., 95 Salisbury St., Salisbury.
- 1954 p Dikanifuwa, Nason, United Methodist Church, Chatima Rd., P. O. Harare.
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- 1948 Griffin, Hunter D., United Methodist Board of Missions, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027, U.S.A.

- 1952 p Gurupira, Philemon, Mtoko Mission, P. O. Box 58, Mtoko.
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- 1948 Harper, Kenneth, 355 Transylvania Park, Lexington, Ky. USA.
- 1973 p Huddleston, Darrell, Box 196, Rusape.
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- 1962 p Jijita, Elliot, 1951 Egypt, P. O. Highfield.
- 1953 p Jijita, John B., Mutambara Methodist Centre, P. O. Mutambara
- 1951 p Johnson, J. Morgan, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
- 1965 p Kadenge, Fanuel, Mutambara Methodist Centre, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1959 p Kaemmer, John E., University of Rhodesia, P. O. Box MP 167 Mount Pleasant, Salisbury.
- 1942 p Kajese, Amon C., Chindenga School, P. O. Mtoko.
- 1961 p Kalso, Milton, United College of Education P.B. T. 5392, Bulawayo.
- 1967 p Kanonuhwa, Arthur, P. O. Box 3002, Sakubva, Umtali.
- 1960 Kapenzi, Geoffrey (supernumerary)
- 1955 p Katsande, Alfred, P. O. Box 34, Mrewa.
- 1953 Kawadza Jonah, Drew University of Theology, Madison, New Jersey 07940, U.S.A.
- 1960 Kurewa, John, Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.
- 1965 Kurewa, Josiah, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.
- 1953 p Kuwana, Elisha, Chikore School, P. B. 56, Headlands.
- 1948 p Leiknes, Asbjorn, 7 Hosgood Ave., Umtali.
- 1953 p Madzinga, Nason, Nyamuzuwe United Methodist Centre, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
- 1973 p Makande, Josiah, Chakohwa School, P.B. C7314, Umtali.
- 1966 p Makunike, Willis, Nyakatsapa Mission, P. O. Watsomba.
- 1948 p Makuto, Daniel, Nyadiri Hospital, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
- 1972 p Marara, Willie, Gandanzara School, P.B. 8084, Rusape.
- 1968 p Marewangapo, Zebediah, 4402 Highfields, P. O. Highfields, Salisbury.
- 1971 p Masenda, Jairus, Mt. Makomwe School, P.B. 93, Odzi.
- 1963 p Matongo, Rudolph, Nyamutumbu, P. B. 645E, Salisbury.
- 1968 p Mawanga, Wilson, Inyanga United Methodist Church, P.O. Inyanga.
- 1968 p Mawokomatanda, Isaac, P. O. Box 10002, Mabvuku, Salisbury.
- 1951 Miller, Charles (furlough)
- 1969 p Mudiwa, Peter B., P.B. 322, Mrewa.
- 1959 p Mudzengerere, David L., Mrewa Centre, P. B. 62, Mrewa.
- 1967 p Mukangara, Samuel, P. O Box 3002, Sakubva, Umtali.
- 1962 Munjoma, John, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas 75205, U.S.A.
- 1965 p Mkasa, Caleb, P. O. Box 97, Odzi.
- 1968 Messenger, Frank, P.O. Box 3408, Salisbury.
- 1942 p Munjoma, Samuel, Old Umtali, P. B. P7024, Umtali.
- 1954 p Murphree, Marshall W., University of Rhodesia, P. O. Box MP 167, Mount Pleasant, Salisbury.
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- 1962 p Muziti, Josiah, Muchinjike, P. O. Box 21, Mrewa.
- 1956 p Muzulu, Samuel, Muradzikwa School, P. B. M7214, Umtali.
- 1969 p Mvenge, Thomas, Matendeudze, P. O. Mutambara.
- 1970 p Nderere, John, 149 Muriranyenze Rd, P.O. Mufakose Sby.
- 1966 p Nduna, Samuel, Mundenda, P. B. 454, Umtali.
- 1965 p Nyakuengama, Samson, Mutsago School, P. B. P7006, Umtali.
- 1948 p Nyamukapa, Patron, Nyadiri Centre, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.

- 1961 Nyamurowa, Dennison, Bible House, P.O. Box 740, Blantyre, Malawi.
- 1964 p Nyanungo, Lovemore, Q 20, Mzilikazi Township, Bulawayo.
- 1953 Otto, Grace.
- 1953 Otto, Vivian.
- 1971 p Sakutombo, John, Muziti School, P.B. 8052, Rusape.
- 1966 p Shamu, Kenneth, P.O. Box 196, Rusape.
- 1955 Thomas, Norman, Epworth Theological College, P.O. Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.
- 1950 p Stine, Ovid, Box 115, Maun, Botswana.
- 1971 p Usore, Jotham, P.O. Box 172, Mangula.
- 1965 Zhungu, Lamech.
- 1954 p Zuze, Solomon, Box 2007, Inyazura

3. MINISTERS ON TRIAL

- 1973 p Chapata, Edward, Nyamuzuwe United Methodist Centre, P.O. Box 57, Mtoko.
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- 1972 p Dikito, Lancelot, 3133/1 Mkoba, Gwelo.
- 1973 p Dziwa, Nisbert, Chikwizo School, P.O. Box 504, Mtoko.
- 1973 p Kasiyamhuru, Lazarus, Dindi School, P.B. 649, Mrewa.
- 1973 p Maramba, Jonathan, Gatsi School, P.B. 88G, Penhalonga.
- 1973 p Muchenyereyi, Morgan, Nyanyadzi United Methodist Church P.O. Nyanyadzi.
- 1973 p Muzorewa, David, Mutambara High School, P.O. Mutambara.
- 1971 p Sanganza, Sandah, 26 Chinamhora St. P.O. Harare.
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- p Nkomo, Kaiboni, Mafararikwa Church, P. B. 2026, Odzi.

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(Year indicates beginning of missionary service in Rhodesia)

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- 1952 Aschliman, Mrs. Myrtle, Olds Hall, P. O. Box 791, Daytona Beach, Florida, U.S.A.
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1950 Jones, Pearl Willis, 3104 Faber Dr., Falls Church, Va. U.S.A.
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1920 Murphree, Mrs. M. J., Epworth Theological College, Box 97H, Hatfield, Salisbury.
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1922 Reitz, Beulah, Brookes-Howell W.S.C.S. Home, 29 Spears Ave., Asheville, North Carolina, U.S.A.
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1929 Sells, Olga, Box 157, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, U.S.A.
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1952 Sheretz, Mrs. D. Lamar, 2905 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, Maryland, U.S.A.
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- 1959 Alvord, Dorothy, (furlough)
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1966 Bjerkerot, Ula, (furlough).
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1967 Brun, Margret (furlough)
1967 Buterbaugh, John (furlough)
1967 Buterbaugh, Nancy, (same as above)
1968 Buteterfield, D. Allen, (Furlough)
1968 Butterfield, Marcia (same as above)
1960 Carroll, Seavy, (furlough)
1960 Carroll, Virginia, (same as above).
1961 Close, Gerald (furlough)
1961 Close, Miriam, (same as above).
1967 Christiansen, Karen, (furlough).
1944 Culver, Verna, (furlough)
1961 Curtis, Margaret, 95 Salisbury St., Salisbury.
1961 Deale, Hugh, (furlough)
1961 Deale, Marjorie, (same as above)
1965 DeWolf, Edward (furlough)
1968 DeWolf, Shirley, (same as above)
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1969 Evans, Harry, U.S.A.
1969 Evans, Marie, (same as above)
1969 Feiker, Anne-Gure, (Furlough)
1961 Finster, William, Dendera Dam Development Project, P. O. Mtoko.

- 1961 Finster, Esther, (same as above)
 1958 Fleshman, George, Wesley House, 133 Main St. Umtali.
 1958 Fleshman, Flora, (same as above)
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 1971 Frewing, Leslie, (Furlough)
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 1970 Hoover, Gail, Nyadiri, P. B. 636E, Salisbury.
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 1972 Mansure, Janice, (same as above)
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 1956 Matzigkeit, Ruth (same as above)
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 1968 Messenger, Susan (furlough)
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 1962 Rudy, Ruth, (same as above)
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 1957 Schevenius, Ruth, (same as above)
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 1963 Shryock, Ruth, (same as above)
 1955 Simonsson, Bengt, (furlough)
 1955 Simonsson, Marta, (same as above)
 1943 Stine, Mava, P. O. Box 115, Maun, Botswana.
 1947 Taylor, Mildred, Nyamuzuwe, P. O. Box 57, Mtoko.
 1961 Thomas, Winnie, Epworth Theological College, P. O. Box 97H,
 Hatfield, Salisbury.
 1965 Warman, Valjean, (Furlough)
 1969 Warman, Anne, (same as above)
 1968 Wilson, Barbara, Mutambara Medical, P. O. Mutambara.

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P. B. 645E, Salisbury.
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Nyamukwarara: Nathaniel Dozva, Rupinda Store, P.B. 21,
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P. O. Mutambara.
Mutambara Centre: Matthew Mataranyika, p, and Silas Mashingaidze,
p, P. O. Mutambara
Mutambara West: Lloyd Munjoma, p, Chakohwa U.M. Church,
P. B. C7314, Umtali.
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Melsetter.
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Mtasa/Makoni: Naboth Gandanzara, P.B. P7024, Umtali.
Mtoko/Nyadiri: Timothy Gwati, Nyadiri U. M. Centre, P. B. 636E,
Salisbury.
Salisbury-Bulawayo: Isaac Musamba, P.O. Box 3408, Causeway, Sby.
Umtali South: Matthew Mataranyika, Mutambara United Methodist
P. O. Mutambara.

Conference Lay Leader: William Marima, Old Umtali United
Methodist Centre, P. B. P7024, Umtali.

Part II

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BOFAC MEMBERS

A. First Group

1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Thomas Mvenge, Amon Kajese, Davidson Mushapaidze, Phelemon Kajese, Emerson Mugandani, David Muzorewa, Mildred Taylor, Elijah Mukarakate, Wilson Mapa, Annual Matambanadzo, Julius Tsiga, Willas Makunike, Ruth Matzi-gkeit, Lloyd Munjoma, Elisha Kuwana, Herbert Katedza, Kenneth Mapira, Ernest Mupfunya, Jairus Masenda, Peter

Mudiwa, Nisbert Dziwa, Wilson Mawanga, Mattie Muparutsa, Ellen Miller, Deborah Chimonyo, Alfred Katsande, Stanford Chihwai, Josiah Makande, Elliot Jijita, Lazarus Kasiyamhuru, Kenneth Choto, John Ranga, Aves Chikwanha, Lamech Zhungu, Jotham Usore, Ruth Shryock, Martha Mukangara, Stanley Mataranyika, Kaiboni Nkomo, Felicia Rusero, Isaac Mawokomatanda, Samuel Mandisodza, Zakariah Mukurazhizha, Elijah Chimbanga, Samuel Mukombiwa, Johnstone Gurure, Morgan Johnson, Webster Mutamba, Evison Mutanga.

2. BOARD OF EDUCATION: (Members listed by act of Conference)

One D. S. — David Mudzengerere

Three Ministers — Kenneth Shamu, Zebediah Marewangepo, Alfred Katsande.

Two Schools Managers — Benjamin Mutambara, Rodwell Kambarami.

Six heads of Post Primary Schools — Sunnyside Headmistress, Josiah Njagu, Amon Dangarembga, Alec Chibanguza, James Makawa, Oliver Musuka

Two Mission Land Primary heads — from Nyakatsapa and Dindi

Two women — Ruth Shryock, Erica Maenzanise

Five members at large — Administrator of Sunnyside H/C, Milton Kalso, Silas Mashingaidze, Everett Matzigkeit, Gail Hoover.

Alternates: - D.S. — Josiah Chidzikwe

Minister — Johnson Gurure

School Manager — David Sithole

Central Primary Heads — Chikwizo, Glenada,

Women — Susan Dangarembga, Emilie Roberts

Members at large — Ruth Schevenius, Timothy Gwati, Herbert Katedza.

3. WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Stanford Chihwai, Patricia Karimanzira, Kenneth Mapiira, Wilson Mazaiwana, Josiah Muziti, John Kaemmer, Lazarus Mandizha, Martin Chiza, Julius Tsiga, Ephraim Matara, David Mara, John Mutimbanyoka, Patrick Matsikenyiri, Micah Chinoda, Verna Culver, Fanuel Kadenge, Peter

Mudiwa, Lovemore Nyanungo, Kenneth Shamu, Edith Samudzimu, Ben Jambga, Thomas Mvenge, Ruth Matzigkeit, Zacharia Manditsera, James Kufakunesu, David Ngarize, Lancelot Dikito, Senjula Maringapasi, Josiah Makande, Jairus Masenda, Bennett Chidawanyika, David Zhungu, Amon Kajese.

(Nomination Committee: Alec Chibanguza, Patrick Matsikenyiri, Morgan Johnson, Matthew Mataranyika, Elliot Jijita, Lazarus Mandizha, William Marima)

B. Second Group

1. BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES:

Stanford Chihwai, Lazarus Mandizha, Lloyd Munjoma, Newton Chiwara, John Ranga, James Makawa, William Marima, Matthew Mataranyika, Naboth Gandanzara, Baxton Chikoore, Timothy Gwati, Isaac Musamba, Titus Chitanda, Felicia Rusero, Samuel Mandisodza, Zacharia Mukurazhizha, Alec Chibanguza, Willas Makombe, Silas Mashingaidze, Samuel Mukombiwa, Jane Makawa, Patrick Nyamubaya, Ruth Shryock, Isaac Mapa, Ephraim Matara, Aves Chikwanha, John Mutimbanyoka, Abisha Tsakatsa, David Zhungu, Stanley Mataranyika.

2. MEMOIRS:

Samuel Munjoma, Ruth Matzigkeit, Esther Finister, Nason Madzinga, Daniel Makuto, Wilson Mawanga, John Nderere, Mattie Muparutsa, Elia Chitiyo.

3. BOARD OF MINISTRY:

Class of 1973 — John Jijita, Thomas Curtis

Class of 1974 — Josiah Chidzikwe, Kenneth Choto, Kare Eriksson, Fanuel Kadenge, Samuel Munjoma (Chm).

Alternates: Alfred Katsande, Naison Dikanifuwa.

Class of 1975 — Norman Thomas, Joseph Bisby, Josiah Muziti, David Mudzengerere.

Alternates — Caleb Mukasa, Lovemore Nyanungo.

Class of 1976 — as presented by the Board of Ministry.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Lancelot Dikito, Lovemore Nyanungo, Elijah Chimbanga, John Kaemmer, Kenneth Choto, Matthew Matara-nyika, Julius Tsiga, Thomas Curtis, Everett Matzigkeit, Morgan Johnson, Johnson Gurure, Fannuel Kadenge, Naboth Gandanzara, Marcia Ball, *Umbowo* Editor, Press Manager, Asta Eriksson, Webster Mutamba, John Sakutombo, Naison Dikanifuwa, David Muzorewa, Raphael Chimhanda, Harriet Mangati, Director of Archives, Samson Nyakue-ngama.

5. STUDENT LOAN FUND:

Newton Chiwara, Titus Chitanda, Rudolph Matongo, Wil-las Makombe, Silas Mashingaidze, Samuel Muzulu, Samuel Mukombiwa, Martha Mukangara, Milton Kalso, John Muti-mbanyoka, Caleb Mukasa, Abisha Tsakatsa, Samuel Nduna, Gaylord Kambarami, Herbert Katedza, Wilson Mazaiwana, Phelemon Chimhanda, Nisbert Dziwa, Raphael Chimhanda, Jairus Masenda, Lloyd Munjoma, Pitcain Karimanzira, Nason Chigubu, Baxton Chikoore, Wilson Mapa, Sanda Sanganza, Edward Chapata, Annual Matambanadzo, Jere-miah Chitauro, Solomon Zuze, Samuel Nduna, Morgan Mu-chanyereyi, Eliah Chikodzi.

C. Third Group

1. METHODIST RURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Land Agent South, Land Agent North, Three represen-tatives of local agricultural committees (Mutambara, Nyadi-ri, Old Umtali.), Field treasurer, two representatives from BOFAC, Chairman from the Farm, Executive Com-mittees at Arnoldine and Nyakatsapa, and five members at large elected by Annual Conference, including two per-sons active in rural women's work (Mrs. Jonah Chitombo, Jeremiah Chitauro, Tudor Roberts, William Marima, Dor-othy Bisby, Artheur Mansure, Maj-Stina Blomquist.

N.B. Committee for the North: William Finister, D.S., Mtoko,, D.S. Mrewa, Denford Chimbkanda, Davidson Sadza, J. Choto, E. Tobani.

2. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Samuel Matimba, Philemon Kajese, Jonathan Maramba, Naboth Gandanzara, H. Ruwende, Sanda Sanganza, Morgan Muchanyereyi, Nason Dikanifuwa, Eliah Chitiyo, Pherris Kamupira, Phelemon Chimhanda, Elijah Chimbanga, Jane Makawa, Isaiah Kapfunde, Alfred Katsande, Lazarus Mandizha, Lazarus Kasiyamhuru, Kaiboni Nkomo, Isaac Mawokomatanda, Peter B. Mudiwa, Samuel Mandisodza, Zacharia Mukurazhizha, Willas Makombe, Elijah Chimbanga, Elliott Musumhi, Jotham Usore, Arthur Kanonuhwa, Davidson Chikosi, Patrick Nyamubaya, Samuel Mukangara, Aves Chikwanha, Willie Marara, Oliver Musuka, Webster Mutamba, John Nderere, Patrick Majora, Gaylord Kambarami, Herbert Katedza, Ernest Mufunya, Deborah Chimonyo, Isaac Mukarakate, David Muzorewa.

3. DEACONESS:

Rosemary Chidzikwe, Mrs. Kenneth Choto, Margaret Curtis, Maj-Stina Blomquist, Mrs. John Jijita, Nason Madzinga, Martha Mudzengerere, Edith Samudzimu, Martha Mukangara, Dorcas Chinopfukutwa, Ruth Matzigkeit, Flora Fleshman.

4. HISTORICAL:

Milton Kalso, Kenneth Choto, Lennart Blomquist, Elloitt Jijita, Wilson Mawanga, Lazarus Mandizha, Amon Danga-rembga, John Sakutombo, Director of Archives, Joseph Bisby, Pitcain Karimanzira, Caleb Mukasa, Julius Tsiga, Josiah Muziti.

(Resolution: Isaac Mawokomatanda, Dorcas Chinopfukutwa, Nisbert Dziwa, Phelemon Gurupira, Lazarus Kasiyamhuru, Samuel Makawa, Daniel Makawa).

5. MEDICAL ACTIVITIES (Membership limited by Conference)

Executive Secretary, Medical Superintendent, Nyadiri (Davidson Sadza), Old Umtali Doctor, Mutambara Doctor, matrons, or nurse-in-charge of each — Mrs. Kapenzi, Mrs.

Elisha Mutasa, Margit Johanson, Nyadiri Hospital Administrator, Ben Jambga, District Superintendents, one dentist — Margret Nelvig, Director of Nyadiri Nursing school— Mrs. Davidson Sadza, five members-at-large: - Winnie Thomas, Mrs. Titus Kuture, John Jijita, Lloyd Munjoma, Mercy Musumhi, Susan Dangarembga, Silas Masingaidze, Rudo Mandizha, Nason Kaseke, Stanley Mataranyika, Isaac Musamba, Samson Nyakuengama, Emilie Roberts, Edith Samudzimu, Kenneth Shamu, John Sakutombo.

6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Class of 1973: Rev. P. Nyamukapa, Land Agent South (1), Field Treasurer, Mr. G. Fleshman (Alternate).

Class of 1974: Conference Secretary, Land Agent South (2), Mr. A. Chibanguza, Mr. T. Roberts (Alternate).

Class of 1975: Conference Treasurer, Mr. A. Dangarembga, Land Agent North, Mr. J. Makawa (Alternate).

Class of 1976: Rev. J. Jijita, Mr. W. Marima, Rev. K. Eriksson, Rev. S. Nduna (Alternate).

D. Fourth Group

1. NGARIENDE:

Baxton Chikoore, Solomon Zuze, Deborah Chimonyo, Ernest Mufunya, David Ngarize, William Marima, Kenneth Mhandu, Wilson Mawanga, Mattie Muparutsa, Morgan Muchanyereyi, Nisbert Dziwa, Lloyd Munjoma, Eliah Chikodzi, Noah Kapumha, Philemon Kajese, Alfred Katsande, Elliott Jijita, John Ranga, Matthew Mataranyika, Peter B. Mudiwa, Samuel Mandisodza, Rudolph Matongo Arthur Kanonuhwa, Marshall Murphree, Ephraim Matara, Abisha Tsakatsa, Patron Nyamukapa, Jotham Usore, Martin Chiza, Samuel Muzulu, Josiah Muziti, Samuel Mukombiwa, Fanuel Kadenge, John Schevinius, Zebediah Mwarewangepo, Felicia Rusero, Josiah Makande, David Mudzengerere, Nason Madzinga, Annual Matambanadzo, Samuel Munjoma, Phelemon Chimhanga, Thomas Mvenge, Wilson Mapa, Bernard Chadawaenzi, Isaac Mukarakate, Trabition Dziwa, Samson Nyakuengama.

2. PENSIONS AND CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS:

Class of 1973: Kare Eriksson, Alec Alvord, William Finister, Lovemore Nyanungo.

Alternates: Nason Chigubu, Tudor Roberts.

Class of 1974: Nason Dikanifuwa, Kenneth Shamu, Davidson Sadza.

Alternates: Ben Jambga, Samuel Mukangara.

Ex-Officio members — Field Treasurer, Conference Treasurer.

Class of 1975: Peter B. Mudiwa, Rudolph Matongo, Samuel Muzulu.

Alternates: Samuel Nduna, Oliver Musuka.

Class of 1976: Dr. Stone, Caleb Mukasa, Josiah Njagu.

Alternates: Samuel Mukangara, Samuel Munjoma, Trabition Dziwa.

3. ECUMENICAL RELATIONS:

John Kaemmer, Kaiboni Nkomo, Martin Chiza, Patron Nyamukapa, James Makawa, Amon Dangarembga, Maurice Culver, Kare Eriksson, Norman Thomas, Marcia Ball, Patrick Matsikenyiri, Micah Chinoda, Josiah Chidzikwe, Fanuel Kadenge, David Mudzengerere, Ruth Shryock, Kenneth Choto, Lovemore Nyanungo, Mattie Muparutsa, Emerson Mugandani, Sanda Sanganza, Thomas Curtis, Durrell Huddleston, Lazarus Mandizha.

Other Conference Committees

TASK FORCE:

William Marima, Matthew Mataranyika, Charles Miller.

AFRICAN GIRLS' HOSTEL (UMTALI)

Umtali South District Superintendent, Pastor of Hilltop, Directress of the Hostel, Directors of girls, 2 girls (elected from the girls by the girls themselves).

DIRECTORS OF HILLTOP CENTRE:

Mrs. Jonah Chitombo, Fanuel Kadenge, John Jijita, 3 members chosen by Miller Memorial Official Board.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE:

James Makawa, Ruth Matzigkeit, Winnie Thomas.

COMMITTEE ON TRAINING LAYMEN:

Norman Thomas, Verna Culver, Elliott Jijita, Asbjorn Leiknes, Martin Chiza, Edith Samudzimu, Matthew Mataranyika.

CONFERENCE HANDBOOK:

Larry George, Nathan Goto, Martin Chiza, Thomas Curtis, Amon Dangarembga, George Fleshman, Ovid Stine, Norman Thomas.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION:

Isaac Musamba, Titus Chitanda, Hans Anfinson, Naboth Gandanzara, Matthew Mataranyika, Isaac Mawokomatanda, Lovemore Nyanungo.

CREDIT UNION:

Larry George, Everett Matzigkeit, Arthur Kanonuhwa, Davidson Chikosi, Charles Miller, William Finister, Denford Chimbanga, Daniel Makuto, John Schevenius, Jeremiah Chitauro.

MINISTRY TO WOMEN:

Alec Chibanguza, Janet Choto, Mrs. Davidson Chikosi, Verna Culver, Susan Dangarembga, Osta Eriksson, Dorcas Chinopfukutwa, Mrs. Arthur Kapenzi, Martha Mudzengerere, Oliver Musuka, Lydia Zimonte, Martha Mukangara, Margaret Curtis, Mattie Muparutsa, Ellen Miller.

MINIMUM SALARY:

Ministers: Fanuel Kadenge, Davidson Mushapaidze, Samuel Munjoma, Josiah Muziti, John Nderere.

Alternates: Willas Makunike, Davidson Chikosi.

LAYMEN:

George Fleshman, Nason Kaseke, Lydia Zimonte, Caleb Zisengwe, Howard Maviza.

Alternates: Noah Tholana, John Schevenius.

Ex-Officio — Five District Superintendents, Conference Treasurer, Conference Lay Leader.

BOARD OF URBAN MINISTRY:

All Salisbury and Bulawayo Ministers, Sakubva Christian Centre Director, Salisbury-Bulawayo U.M.Y.F. District President, Salisbury-Bulawayo District Lay Leader.

Others: Dorcas Chinopfukutwa, Verna Culver, George Fleshman, Pat Fulmer, Davidson Samukange, Thomas Curtis, Rena Dikanifuwa.

SHONA LANGUAGE COMMITTEE:

D.S. Mutasa-Makoni District, Morgan Johnson, Elisha Kuwana, Josiah Makande, Jairus Masenda, Matthew Mataranyika, Rudolph Matongo, Morgan Muchanyereyi, Martha Mudzengerere, Ferris Munjoma, G. Murwira, Anna Marford, Flora Fleshman.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Everett Matzigkeit, Stanley Mataranyika, Isaac Musamba, Lovemore Nyanungo, John Schevenius, Willas Maku-nike, Nason Kaseke, Samuel Kajese, Lydia Zimonte, Elliott Jijita, Mildred Taylor, Peter K. Mudiwa, Elijah Chimbganda, Elisha Kuwana, Samuel Muzulu, Isaac Mapa, Patrick Nyamubaya, Nason Chigubu, Peter Mudiwa.

Part III

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION — MONDAY

January 8, 1973—2: 00 p.m.

1. Opening of Conference: The seventh session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church was declared open by Bishop Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa after the following opening:

Prelude by Margret Nelvig, Hymn 315.

Prayer offered by Thomas Curtis

Solo "Bless This House" by Enoch Chieza, accompanied by Margret Nelvig.

Welcome Message: by Thomas Curtis

Introduction of Fr. Davies and Fr. Porter, who spoke briefly.

Introduction of Guest Speakers, Rev. B. Starnes, Director of the Atlanta Office of the Advance Department, Board of Global Ministries, who brought greetings from Bishop Copeland, Bishop Carvalho, Bishop Cannon, Rev. and Mrs. Alvord, Rev. and Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Carl Huie.

2. Roll Call: The Conference Secretary and assistant Secretary called the roll. Apologies were received from Jonah Chitombo, Norman Thomas, John Kurewa, Frank Messenger, Jonah Kawadza, Lamech Zhungu, Josiah Chidzikwe, John Jijita, Kare Eriksson.

3. Orientation: Bishop introduced secretarial staff and read the list of those who have the privilege of the floor without vote, explaining all voting matters.

4. Programme: The Conference Secretary presented the Conference Programme with alterations. It was accepted.

5. Daily Proceedings: Webster Mutamba was continued and Farai Muzorewa and Sandah Sanganza were elected to read and make any corrections in the Daily Proceedings.

6. Bar of the Conference: The first nine rows in the hall were accepted as the bar of the Conference.

7. Greetings were received from: Norman and Mrs. Thomas, John and Mrs. Kurewa, Frank and Mrs. Messenger, Jonah and Mrs. Chitombo, Jonah and Mrs. Kawadza, Lamech Zhungu, Josiah and Mrs. Chidzikwe, Kare and Mrs. Eriksson, John and Mrs. Jijita, and Mudima Chieza, Kowo and Charehwa from Zambia.

8. Welcome of returned and recently arrived missionaries: Margret Nelvig, Anna Morford, William and Mrs. Finister, Charles Miller, Ovid Stine, Marcia Ball, Don Rudy, Mrs. Colmore, a visitor from London, and Margit Johansson.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION—MONDAY

January 8, 1973—4:00 p.m.

9. Nominations committee: The report was read by Patrick Matsikenyiri. Discussion took place and the report was accepted as an interim report. Bishop called for ballots for a new nominating committee.

10. Tellers: Bishop appointed the following tellers to serve during this Conference: Josiah Njagu, Arthur Mansure, Amon Dangarembga, Larry George, Ben Jambga, Baxto Chikoore.

11. Committees: The Secretary called the names of those to convene the committees.

OPENING COMMUNION—MONDAY

January 8, 1973—7:30 p.m.

Bishop Muzorewa presided over the Holy Communion Service assisted by the District Superintendents, Rev. B. Starnes, Rev. Martin Chiza and Rev. Isaac Mawokomatanda. The Mangula Choir provided special music throughout the service under the direction of Mr. Enoch Chieza, Conference Music Director. Rev. Martin Chiza preached from Luke 23: 50-56 and Hebrews 3: 1, emphasizing that Christians consider Christ and His Cross, His devotion, His power, His holiness, His mercy and His love. We are sent to heal, to educate, to implement heavenly power and to love all.

DEVOTIONS—WEDNESDAY

January 10, 1973—8:00 a.m.

Enoch Chieza sang the solo, "My Task" accompanied by Margret Nelvig. The Conference sang Hymn 255 and Isaac Murapa offered the opening prayer.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 10, 1973—8:15 a.m.

12. The Episcopal Address was read by Bishop Muzo-

rewa. He concluded with an altar call of repentance and dedication which was answered unanimously throughout the room. Rev. Fanuel Kadenge led in prayer. Rev. John Nderere thanked the Bishop on behalf of the District for his powerful address.

13. General and Central Conference Legislative Changes: Fanuel Kadenge spoke of legislative changes at General Conference, and William Marima presented a chart showing how the merger of the former Methodist and E.U. B. churches has been accomplished. Thomas Curtis presented Central Conference changes. Conference accepted the report of Central Conference changes with reference to respective Boards and Committees for consideration and action.

Conference approved the motion to organize a conference committee on the study of the Discipline to make recommendations to the Central Conference committee. This committee is to be appointed by the chair.

14. Nominating Committee ballot: The second ballot was taken since there was no election on the first ballot.

15. New tellers were appointed: William and Esther Finister, Naboth Gandanzara, Denford Chimbanga, Josiah Njagu and Peter Mudiwa.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 10, 1973—8:00 a.m.

16. Guest presentation: Thomas Curtis introduced Fr. Brendon Conway, personal secretary of Archbishop Francis Markall of the Diocese of Salisbury who conveyed best wishes from His Grace. Bishop responded with gratitude especially that the Roman Catholic Church was willing to be identified with us.

17. Nominating Committee elected: Alec Chibanguza, Elliot Jijita, Matthew Mataranyika, Patrick Matsikenyiri, William Marima, Morgan Johnson, Lazarus Mandizha.

18. Welcome: Bishop welcomed Rev. Chigwida, Presbyterian tutor at Epworth, and Mrs. Charles Miller.

19. District Superintendents Composite Report: This report was read by David Mudzengerere. The item of local preachers failing to keep their appointments was referred back to the District Superintendents. The report was accepted with appreciation. Marshall Murphree moved and Conference agreed that each pastor should have enough copies for each station in his circuit to be read immediately after Conference, and that the full text be made available to the mass media.

20. Welcome: Bishop Paul Burrough was introduced and welcomed by Bishop Muzorewa. He brought greetings from the Anglican Dioceses of Mashonaland and Matabeleland.

21. Board of Trustees: The report was read by Darrell Huddleston. After discussion the report was accepted.

NOONTIME DEVOTIONS—WEDNESDAY

January 10, 1973

The congregation sang hymn 114, Enoch Chieza, accompanied by Margret Nelvig sang "The Holy City."

Rev. Bill Starnes spoke on "The Person of Jesus Christ." He said that Christ identified himself with a great idea—the building of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. He multiplied himself by the contagion of his goodness and truth. He was willing to die for that in which he believed. Our lives count for the most if we follow the example of Christ. Rev. Starnes gave this definition of mission: it must respond to human need, whatever that need may be, not asking anything in return, even belief.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 10, 1973—2:00 p.m.

22. Board of Education: This report was read by James Makawa. There was a great deal of discussion over Nyadiri High School. The motion to maintain the High School at Nyadiri was passed by 81 votes for and 9 against. The report was accepted.

23. Daily Proceedings: The first 15 items were approved with corrections.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 10, 1973—4:00 p.m.

24. Ngariende: The report was read by Rev. Peter B. Mudiwa. The matter of the missionary salary from the Rhodesia Annual Conference was referred back to Ngariende for reconsideration. The report was accepted.

25. Medical Activities: The report was read by Dr. Sadza. The report was accepted after discussion.

26. Nominations: The additional report was read by Patrick Matsikenyiri. The report was accepted.

SEVENTH BUSINESS SESSION—WEDNESDAY

January 10, 1973—7:30 p.m.

27. Student Loan: The report was read by Willas Makombe. Josiah Muziti moved that paragraph 4 be referred back to the committee for clearer information.

28. Board of Communications and Publications: Morgan Johnson read the report. The Conference asked the UMBOWO editor to reinvestigate the overseas subscription rate. The report was accepted.

29. Credit Union: The report was read by Jeremiah Chitauro. Rev. Blomquist explained briefly how Credit Union works. The report was accepted.

30. Evening adjournment time was set at 9:00 p.m.

31. Committee on the State of the Church was appointed as follows: Elliot Jijita, Josiah Chidzikwe, Titus Chitanda, Norman Thomas, Sarah Munjoma, Ernest Mupfunya.

32. Ngariende collection for Botswana was taken. The amount was \$94,58.

33. Appointments were read by Bishop Muzorewa.

MORNING DEVOTIONS—THURSDAY

January 11, 1973—8:00 a.m.

After Hymn 1, Rev. Patrick Machiri led in prayer and a quartet of Conference delegates sang "He Will Hide Me." Rev. Nyamukapa preached from Mark 11:15-18. He described how the ancient temple was built with several courts, but the Holy of Holies was where God dwelt. He urged the congregation not to be content with praying in the courts of the Gentiles, Women, Israel or Priests but the devoted Christian should enter into the Holy of Holies to pray. You can pray in the outer courts if you have never repented or experienced Christ and do not want to pray in the Holy of Holies. But we preach Christ crucified.

EIGHTH BUSINESS SESSION—THURSDAY

January 11, 1973—8:30 a.m.

34. Ecumenical Relations: John Kaemmer read the motion that two fraternal delegates be sent to Synod in Bulawayo. They are to leave this evening. Rev. Nyanungo and William Finister were put forward. The motion was accepted.

35. Conference Lay Leader: William Marima presented his report. The report was accepted.

36. Daily Proceedings: Farai Muzorewa read the report which was accepted after corrections.

37. Conference Archives: The report was read by Shepherd Machuma. After discussion and referral of No. 2 to BOFAC, the report was accepted.

38. Roman Catholic Bishop's Conference: The Conference authorized Bishop Muzorewa to carry our greetings to their Conference.

NINTH BUSINESS SESSION—THURSDAY

January 11, 1973—10:30 a.m.

39. Mayor of Salisbury's visit: His Worship, Councillor

Jock Alves, Mayor of Salisbury, was introduced and presented by Tom Curtis. His Worship brought greetings from the City of Salisbury, commended the United Methodist Church for its 75 years of outstanding service to Rhodesia through church, hospital and school, and wished the Conference success in the years ahead for the good of all the people of Rhodesia.

40. Conference Secretary Ballot: The first ballot was taken. A simple majority constitutes election. Patrick Matsikenyiri and James Makawa were appointed tellers.

41. Board on the Ministry: Joseph Bisby read the report. The discussion was animated on the subject of local preachers. Bishop said our record is very poor and we should try to raise local preachers' standards. The Board on the Ministry was instructed to bring back a recommendation to improve these standards. The report was accepted. The committee referred to in item 8 shall be appointed by the chair.

42. Disciplinary Questions: Joseph Bisby presented the persons to be admitted on trial and elected Deacons. The ministers noted their acceptance. The Bishop asked the formal questions for acceptance into Conference on trial. Joseph Bisby presented those to be received in full connection and elected Elders. The ministers noted their acceptance. The Bishop asked the formal questions for those to be received in full connection.

43. Conference Secretary Ballot: The second Ballot was taken.

44. Tea Hostesses: Margaret Curtis presented today's tea hostesses from Mabvuku and thanked them.

NOONDAY DEVOTIONS—THURSDAY

January 11, 1973

Rev. Choto presided at the devotional service. After the congregational singing of hymn 138, Rev. Dikanifuwa led in prayer. A quartet of delegates sang "Ye must be reconciled to God". Rev. Starnes preached on "Moto hakuna

mukuti (Pfumo) hakuna.” He pointed out that anyone who considered himself a man would not go into enemy territory without fire or a spear.

When the world looks at us does it see our fire or spear—our compassion and our concrete involvement in the hurt of humanity? We lose inner witness by: neglecting prayer, not reading the Bible, neglecting church attendance, feeling sorry for ourselves. You know what the church believes, don’t ever forget what the church stands for—ever-ever-ever-ever-ever.

TENTH BUSINESS SESSION—THURSDAY

January 11, 1973—2:00 p.m.

45. Christian Social Concerns: This report was read by Herbert Katedza. Farai Muzorewa moved and Conference accepted the following: “In the light of our Church’s stand in relation to socio-political situation in this country, and in keeping with the tone of the Episcopal address on “Church-State Relations,” we wish to have “The Social Principles” of the U.M.C. as these stand in the U.S.A. edition of the U.M.C. Book of Discipline, and have these principles incorporated into this report.” He further called for an Episcopal letter for reading from our pulpits throughout the conference. Tom Curtis moved and Conference accepted a statement regarding the border incidents. It is included in the report. The report was accepted.

46. Board of Lay Activities: The report was read by Lazarus Mandizha. After much discussion over publicizing names of delinquent members, it was decided to retain the wording as presented. The report was tabled temporarily.

47. Conference Secretary: The third ballot was taken.

48. Board of Lay Activities, continued: After discussion the report was again tabled until after tea. A ballot was taken for Conference Lay Leader.

ELEVENTH BUSINESS SESSION—THURSDAY

January 11, 1973—4:15 p.m.

49. Conference Secretary: Elliot Musumhi was re-elected.

50. Conference Lay Leader: William Marima was re-elected.

51. Board of Lay Activities: After a substitute motion para. 4 (see report) the whole report was accepted.

52. Christian Education: The report was read by Webster Mutamba. The report was discussed at length, section by section. David Mudzengerere moved and Conference agreed that we keep the lay training programme as it is but hope for greater co-ordination between the leaders. Kenneth Choto moved and Conference agreed that the U.M.Y.F. report be accepted with the addition that candidates for membership will be presented to the Quarterly Conference for acceptance as new members. The report was accepted.

53. Conference Treasurer: Isaac Musamba was elected with a vote of 96 out of 98.

54. Stewardship Task Force: The report was read by Matthew Mataranyika. After explanations and discussion the report was accepted with the referral of the listing of houses to BOFAC.

MORNING DEVOTIONS—FRIDAY

January 13, 1973.

Special music was provided by a select group conducted by Mr. Enoch Chieza. After congregational singing of Hymn 174, Rev. Fanuel Kadenge led in prayer. Rev. A. Leiknes' message was "Life" based on John 1: 1-12, in which he stressed that: Life and death are closely connected. Reality of life is equal to death. Life only existence created by God for a purpose. We must keep life going when we can. Life is precious so it must be preserved. Life is far more than existence. Death is not the end but the beginning. Life is eternal, because to be dead is to be alive. We must respect life.

TWELFTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 12, 1973—8:30 a.m.

55. Conference Assistant Secretaries: The following were elected: Miss Ball (91), Mr. John Kurewa(56) Mr. D. Mugazi(56).

56. Tom Curtis moved and Conference passed that the first assistant secretary becomes the BOFAC assistant secretary. Therefore Rev. Ball will be assistant BOFAC Secretary. This was rescinded in item 66.

57. BOFAC election, class of 1976, nomination ballot.

LAYMEN ELECTED: O. Musuka
L. Mandizha

ALTERNATES: 1. A. Dangarembga
2. H. Katedza
3. D. Mungazi
4. N. Chiwara

WOMEN ELECTED: Mrs. S. Dangarembga
Mrs. S. Munjoma

ALTERNATES: 1. Mrs. E. Chikwanha
2. Mrs. D. Mudzengerere
3. Mrs. H. Mangate
4. Mrs. D. Chikosi

Ministers (no election) nominated:

F. Kadenge, J. Gurure, J. Muziti, K. Shamu,
E. Jijita, M. Johnson, S. Munjoma, J.
I. Maokomatanda, D. Mushapaidze, C. Mukasa, J. Nderere.

58. New Tellers: Mr. Dangarembga, Miss D. Chimonyo Mrs. Astrid Leiknes, Caleb Zisengwe, Shepherd Machuma, Timothy Gwati, Isaac Musamba, Mrs. Bisby.

59. Mr. M. Mataranyika moved that the five District Superintendents should become voting members of BOFAC in order to improve the ratio with the lay voting members. This was seconded and passed by a vote of 69 for 29 against.

60. M.R.I.D. Report read by Mrs. J. Bisby, the Secretary, received with the following referrals. Rev. J. Muziti moved that the matter of overstocking at Arnoldine (Item 11) be

referred to BOFAC. Seconded and passed.

Hundred acre tracts at Dindi and Chikwizo are not being used. Bishop Muzorewa suggested that the matter be presented to the next BOFAC meeting (after the January meeting) by the Rural Development North Committee.

Mr. L. Mandizha moved and it was passed to refer recommendation No. 4 to the Christian Social Concerns Committee.

Mr. Marima moved to stop discussion on Old Umtali farm and whether or not it could contribute to the income of the Church, and refer the matter to Minimum Salary Committee. Passed.

THIRTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 12, 1973—10:00 a.m.

61. Worship and Music Committee Report: It was suggested that Mr. Matisikenyiri's address appear in the Conference Journal so churches can invite him to come (Item 3 b). Rev. Mawokomatanda moved the appointment of a small committee to work on the wedding cake ritual in order to present to the Pastor's School. Passed and Bishop named Rev. Chiza, Rev. Mudzengerere and Rev. Tsiga.

Mrs. Chikwanha suggested the addition of a woman, Rev. M. Ball. Accepted.

It was moved by Rev. Bisby that when any new printing of the Ngoma is done let us retain the hymn numbers used in the 1964 edition, adding any new hymns at the end (i.e. beginning with number 333). A category index of all hymns should be included at the back of the hymnal in order to help worship leaders in selecting suitable hymns. It was moved by Rev. Curtis and seconded that members of the church choir should be approved by the official board. Passed.

62. Second BOFAC balloting: Rev. Bisby moved and it was passed to limit voting on ministerial BOFAC members to the eleven highest names.

MEMBERS ELECTED: Kadenge
 Gurure

- ALTERNATES:
1. Shamu
 2. Muziti
 3. Johnson

FOURTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 12, 1973—2: 00 p.m.

63. Rukwadzano report opened with a song. Read by Mrs. Chikosi. Mr. Marima moved acceptance, approved by standing vote.

64. Ministry to Women Committee Report, read by Margaret Curtis. Report of the Young Women's Christian Hostel Trust read by Betty Jo Murphree (under No. 7 of Ministry to Women Committee). Mr. Gombiwa moved acceptance. Passed.

65. Casting of third ballot for BOFAC due to tie for fourth alternate between Rev. Caleb Mukasa and Rev. Mushapaidze. Rev. Mushapaidze elected (64) Rev. Mukasa (42).

66. Assistant Secretary of BOFAC: Rev. Curtis moved to rescind the action in item 56. Instead he proposed that the assistant secretary be chosen from among those who had the highest number of votes after Elliot Musumhi. A ballot was taken with John Kurewa receiving 62 votes and Dickson Mungazi 45 votes. So John Kurewa was elected.

67. The Shona Language Committee Report was read and approved.

FIFTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 12, 1973—4: 00 p.m.

68. Wabvuwi North and South Combined Report. The report was read by S. Mashingaidze. It was accepted.

69. Conference Treasurer's report read by Isaac Musamba. The Auditors sent a letter with the following points:

1. Contributions to Lay Workers Retirement fund should be approved by the Committee for the fund.

2. Contributions by individual members are not being forwarded properly to Treasurer by those who have collected the money through salary deductions. They should be sent every month.

3. Contributions by ministers not coming in properly, and some ministers have lost credit for some years of service. Report received after discussion, and voted to include the entire report in the Journal.

70. Ecumenical Relations Committee Report. Before the report was read a fraternal delegate from the United Church of Christ, Rev. Liberty Muzite was introduced to the Conference and brought greetings.

The Report was read by John Kaemmer and was approved with the following changes.

Rev. M. Ball proposed that Rev. K. Choto be the principal delegate to the Beira Committee and Miss Ball be the alternate (Recommendation nine.)

Rev. J. Bisby made reference to the 1972 Journal, P. 40, Daily proceedings item 84. Since a new Theological Council has already been chosen, Recommendation No. 5 should be deleted. This was approved.

Farai Muzorewa moved that two laymen be added to the delegates to the Church Unity Talks. This was passed and Mr. W. Marima and Mr. M. Mataranyika were elected.

SIXTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—FRIDAY

January 12, 1973—7: 30 p.m.

71. Memoirs: The report of the lives of our honoured dead who died during 1972 was presented by the committee. John Kaemmer, accompanied by Margret Nelvig concluded the service of memory with the solo, "There is no death."

72. General Conference delegates: W. M. Marima and Fanuel Kadenge presented slides and a movie concluded their report. The report was accepted.

MORNING DEVOTIONS—SATURDAY

January 13, 1973—8: 00 a.m.

The Conference U.M.Y.F. President, Ernest Mupfunya

presided at the service. After hymn 303, the U.M.Y.F. Vice-President, Muchayona Mutize, offered prayer. The delegates quartet sang "Ndinowona Jesu Kristu." Debora Chimonyo, U.M.Y.F. Secretary, read Acts 1: 6-8.

The Conference Youth Director, Elliot Jijita spoke on "Witness of God." Our task is to preach, witness and make disciples. We are called to a life of courage and boldness in various places, but in the process we need to show forth the love of God. We must first have a personal relationship with Christ and remember He goes with us. Our message is salvation—What Christ has done for us. The gospel promotes good human relationships among all members of society. Go ye therefore and preach the gospel.

SEVENTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—SATURDAY

January 13, 1973—8: 30 a.m.

Bishop announced the eye trouble of Mr. George Fleshman who faces surgery for a detached retina. Two conference members offered prayer on his behalf.

73. Board of Urban Ministries: The report was read by Jotham Usore. It was accepted.

74. Christian Social Concerns: The report replaces the one previously presented. It was read by Herbert Katedza. The report was accepted. Morgan Johnson was elected to prepare materials to be distributed during Social Concerns week.

75. Temperance Committee: The report was read by Stanley Mataranyika. It was accepted.

76. Welcome: Rev. Michael Appleyard, Principal of Epworth College, was presented by Tom Curtis. He is also the representative from Synod. Bishop welcomed Nathan Goto and announced his promotion and that of Eben Kawadza as school inspectors and offered congratulations. Mr. Goto responded. Rev. Ndhlela sent a telegram of greeting from Synod. Rev. Nyamurowa sent greetings to Conference.

EIGHTEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—SATURDAY

January 13, 1973—11:00 a.m.

77. Guests: Bishop welcomed John Shevenius back from furlough. Tom Curtis presented Miss Alice Sanderson who spoke on the Adult Literacy Organization programme.

78. Conference Statistics: Marshall Murphree presented his report. The report was accepted. David Mudzengerere moved and Conference agreed that the Statistician's recommendations become a subject for study at Pastors' school.

79. Conference Statistician's Election: Marshall Murphree was re-elected.

80. Daily Proceedings: Farai Muzorewa presented the report. After corrections it was accepted.

81. Visitor: Tom Curtis presented Fr. Wynn Smulders to Conference.

NOONTIME DEVOTIONS—SATURDAY

January 13, 1973

Rev. Kanonuhwa presided. After hymn 169 Rev. Makande led in prayer. A choir sang "God Bless Africa."

Bill Starnes preached on "Stir Up the Gift of God" from II Timothy 1: 5-7. He spoke of many persons in history who did what they could to resolve problems in their day. David used a sling and a few stones. A boy gave his 5 loaves and 2 fish. Miss Anna Marie Jensen sent \$25,00 to help starving children. A Georgia church helped a Uganda refugee. These people did what seemed impossible because they used what they had. Look at your hand, look around you. What do you have that you can stir up for Jesus? You have faith. You have freedom to act according to what your heart tells you to do. You have purpose.

"Nobody could tell me what my soul might be-
I sought my God and he eluded me.

And then I sought my brother out-

I found all three, my soul, my God and all humanity."

NINETEENTH BUSINESS SESSION—SATURDAY

January 13, 1973—2: 00 p.m.

82. Budget: Hans Anfinssen presented the 1973 budget. William Marima moved and Conference accepted that (a) each district meets and sees that its circuits paid all their dues, (b) that a meeting of all district lay leaders, D.S's, district finance chairmen and district treasurers be called at Mrewa March 31, 1973, 9:00 a.m. to check all dues of each district. The balance will then be divided among the districts. The Conference Lay Leader will call the meeting.

83. Minimum Salary: Josiah Muziti read the report. The matter of budgeting all conference requirements under "Assessments" was referred to BOFAC. The report was accepted.

TWENTIETH BUSINESS SESSION—SATURDAY

January 13, 1973—4: 00 p.m.

84. Memoirs: The report was read by Wilson Mawanga. It was accepted.

85. Daily Proceedings: A correction was passed by conference pertaining to the visit of the Mayor of Salisbury.

86. Ngariende, supplementary: Peter B. Mudiwa read the report. It was accepted.

87. Board of Pensions and Conference Claimants: The report was read by Josiah Njagu. It was accepted with corrections.

88. Nominations, supplement: The report was read by William Marima. It was accepted.

89. Temperance, supplement: The report was read by Stanley Mataranyika. It was accepted.

90. Urban Ministry, supplement: The report was read by Jotham Ustore. It was accepted as referred to BOFAC.

91. Appreciation of Secretarial Staff: Elliot Musumhi presented them—typists, messengers, and all others.

92. Christian Education, supplement: The report was read by Webster Mutamba. The Catechism and Muparidzi reprinting issue was referred to the Board of Communication. The report was accepted.

93. Board on the Ministry, supplement: The report was read by Joseph Bisby. It was accepted.

94. Deaconess Committee: The report was read by Dorcas Chinopfukutwa. Bishop Muzorewa presented Martha Mukangara who was approved for consecration. The report was accepted.

95. Daily Proceedings: Webster Mutamba read the report. It was accepted after corrections.

96. Calendar: The report was read by Jonathan Maramba. After corrections it was accepted.

97. Disciplinary Questions: *A 1-7 and *C 25-34 were asked by Bishop and answered by Elliot Musumhi. *B 8-24 were asked by Bishop and answered by Joseph Bisby. Conference accepted the invitation of Mrewa mission for the next Conference session.

98. Closing Motion: Joseph Bisby moved and Conference agreed: "That the Conference Secretary be empowered to organize and compile the reports and recommendations of this session of the Annual Conference in a proper manner and that this be accepted as the official record of the Conference; and that after the close of services tomorrow the conference be declared officially over.

99. Appreciation of Bishop. Joseph Bisby moved appreciation of the ability of Bishop Muzorewa as presiding officer. The conference responded with prolonged applause and a standing ovation.

Certificate Of The President And The Secretary

This is to certify that this volume of the seventh session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church held at St. Ignatius, Salisbury, Rhodesia, January 8-14, 1973, is a complete and correct record of the proceedings and reports (which are published under VI) and as such were adopted by the action of the Conference as its official record.

Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa

President

Elliot Musumhi

Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that I, Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa, a Bishop of the United Methodist Church, ordained after election of the Rhodesia Annual Conference,

AS TRAVELLING DEACONS:

Edward M. Chapata, Nisbert P. Dziwa, Lazarus E. Kasiyamhuru, Farai D. Muzorewa, Jonathan Maramba, Morgan J. Muchanyerei

AS TRAVELLING ELDERS:

Elijah Chitiyo, Darrell K. Huddleston, Josiah Makande, Jairus Masenda, Peter B.T. Mudiwa, Webster J.K. Mutamba, John Sakutombo,

Elected inabsentia to be ordained later: Micah Chinda and Franklin Messenger.

Monday, January 8-14, St. Ignatius, Rhodesia



Part IV

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

A. Organization and Introductory Reports:

- 1 Who are the Officers of the Conference?
Secretary: Elliot Musumhi.
Statistician: Dr. M. Murphree.
Treasurer: Mr. Isaac Musamba.
- 2 Is the Annual Conference incorporated? Yes.
(See Constitution, Journal, 1954).
- 3 Are the officers handling funds bonded? Yes.
- 4 What is the report of the Programme Committee as to the hours of the session, the bar of the Conference, and the programme? (See the official Conference programme, and the daily proceeding for 8th January, 1973).
- 5 Who are the members of Boards and Committees? (See Part II, list of Boards and Committees).
- 6 Who is elected Conference Lay Leader?
Mr. William Marima.
- 7 What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts, and suggestions for the work of the future? (See District Superintendents' Report).

B. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

- 8 Having made enquiries into the life and character of the ministerial members of the Conference, does the Board on the Ministry recommend that they be continued in the effective ministry? Yes, with the exception of Moregood Chitima (See 20. (b) below).
- 9 Who are the Approved Supply Pastors?
Bennet Chidawanyika, Elias Chikodzi, Philemon Kajese, Annual Matambanadzo, Kenneth Mhandu, Evison Mutanga, Kaiboni Nkomo.
- 10 What approved Supply Pastors now under full appointment are taking the Conference Course of Study?
Evison Mutanga, Elias Chikodzi.
- 11 Who are recommended to take the course of study for

Reception on Trial?

(a) Present Epworth Students:

First Year: James Chikomba, Lamech Mhasho.

Second Year: Maxwell Chikosi, Christopher Jokomo, Kelvin Mwandira, Kennedy Mukwindidza, Lazarus Nzara-yebani.

Third Year: Elias Mumbiro, Eben Nhiwatiwa, Ezra Kanganga.

Fourth Year: William Chinyuku, David Hodzi, Peter Mufute, Reddson Neshiri, Passion Zimonte.

(b) Those in the Conference Course of Study:

Evison Mutanga, Elias Chikodzi.

12 Who are received on Trial?

(a) By transfer? Darrell Huddleston (from Kansas Central Conference).

(b) By graduation from Epworth Theological College? Farai D. Muzorewa, Jonathan Maramba, Morgan J. Muchanyerei.

(c) Through the Conference Course of Study?

Edward M. Chapata, Nisbert P. Dziwa, Lazarus E. Kasiyamhuru.

(d) Through reinstatement? None.

13 Who remain on Trial?

Lancelot Dikito, Sandah Sanganza, Julius Tsiga.

14 Who on Trial have been discontinued? Patricio Mandimutsira.

15 Who are admitted into Full Connection?

Elia Chitiyo, Darrell K. Huddleston, Josiah Makande, Jairus Masenda, Peter B. Mudiwa, Webster Mutamba, John Sakutombo, Jotham Usore, and *in absentia*: Micah Chinoda and Franklin Messenger.

16 What Full Members are in Studies? None.

17 What Full Members have completed studies on the Fourth Year? None.

18 Who have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a) Local Deacons? None.

(b) Travelling Deacons? Edward M. Chapata, Nisbert P. Dziwa, Lazarus E. Kasiyamhuru, Farai D. Muzorewa, Jonathan Maramba, Morgan J. Muchanyerei.

- 19 Who have been elected and ordained elders?
- (a) Local Elders? None.
 - (b) Travelling Elders? Eliah Chitiyo, Darrell K. Huddleston, Josiah Makande, Jairus Masenda, Peter B.T. Mudiwa, Webster J.K. Mutamba, John Sakutombo, Elected in absentia to be ordained later: Micah Chinoda and Franklin Messenger.
- 20 Who have had their Conference Membership Terminated?
- (a) By voluntary location? None.
 - (b) By involuntary location? Moregood Chitima.
 - (c) By withdrawal? None.
 - (d) By judicial procedure? None.
- 21 What Ministerial Members have died during the year?
- (a) Retired Members of Conference? John Nduna.
 - (b) Active Members of Conference? None.
 - (c) Retired Approved Supply Pastors? None.
 - (d) Active Approved Supply Pastors? None.
- 22 What Ministers have retired?
- (a) Members of Conference?
 - 1. This year? None.
 - 2. Previously? Luke Chieza, Philip Chieza, Samuel Chieza, Josiah Chimbadzwa, Jonah Chitombo, Henry I. James, Silas Kasambira, Benjamin Katsidzira, Hosea Katsidzira, Jonah Machiri, Patrick Machiri, Johnson Maramba, Moses Muparutsa, Enock Munjoma, Thomas A. O'Farrell, George A. Roberts, Jackson Rugayo.
 - (b) Approved Supply Pastors?
 - 1. This year? None.
 - 2. Previously? Joseph Makuto, Nicholas Muskwe.
23. Who are left without appointment to attend school?
- Jona Kawadza—Drew University, Madison N.J.
 - John Kurewa—Garrett School of Theology, Evanston Illinois until 31 May.
 - Josiah Kurewa—Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee until 31 August.
 - John Munjoma—Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, Texas.
- 24 What other personal notations should be made?

- (a) Received from other Conferences? None.
- (b) Transferred to other Conferences ? Dr. Per Hassing to the Boston Conference.
- (c) Who have been granted Supernumerary relationship? Geoffrey Kapenzi, Martin Chikanya.
- (d) Who have been granted Sabbatical leave? None.
- (e) Who have been granted Disability Leave? Nason Chigubu.
- (f) Who have been given special appointment? (See Part V in Journal)
- (g) Other notations? Correction of the Disciplinary Questions, 1972 *Journal*, p. 45, item 13. omitted the names of Josiah Makande and Jairus Masenda. (Who remain on Trial?)

C. General Business:

- 25 Have the Secretaries, Treasurers and Statisticians kept their records according to the prescribed form of the Methodist Church? Yes.
- 26 What is the report of the Conference Statistician? (See Part X at the end of Journal).
- 27 What is the report of Conference Treasurer? (See Part VI).
- 28 What is the schedule of minimum salaries for pastors? (See salary scale as adopted by the 1971 Conference, 1971 *Journal* p. 149).
- 29 What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the District Superintendents for the ensuing year? (See the Report of the Finance Committee).
- 30 What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the Conference to be raised for the pastoral support of Conference claimants?
 - a. For Conference claimants? (\$24 per annum).
 - b. For World Service? (Free will offering).
 - c. For Episcopal Fund? (2% of the pastors' cash salary).
 - d. For General Administration? Assessed by membership.
 - e. Central Conference Fund? Assessed by membership.

- 31 What are the apportionments to this Conference? (See Salary scale).
- a. For Conference Claimants? Circuit, \$24 per annum.
b. Pastor, \$18 per annum.
- 32 Where shall the next Conference session be held?
Mrewa Mission.
- 33 Is there any other business? No.
- 34 Where are the preachers stationed for the coming year?
(See list of appointments, Part V).

Part V

APPOINTMENTS: 1973

MREWA DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: David Mudzengerere
District Women's Work: Martha Mudzengerere
Chikore-Tanda Circuit: Elisha Kuwana
Headlands Circuit: (Kenneth Mhandu)
Nhowe Circuit: (Bennet Chidawanyika)
Mrewa North Circuit: Josiah Muziti
Mrewa South Circuit: Peter Mudiwa
Mrewa East Circuit: Elijah Chimbunga
Mrewa West Circuit: Rudolph Matongo
Maramba-Pfungwe Circuit: Lazarus Kasiyamhuru
Uzumba Circuit: Alfred Kastande

MREWA UNITED METHODIST CENTRE

Howard Memorial Church: Johnstone Gurure
Assistant Pastor and Student Chaplain: Larry George
Headmaster: Alec Chibanguza
Deputy Headmaster: G. Murwira
Staff: A. Chibanguza, G. Murwira, B. Mazaiwana, E. Papaya, A. Mansure, R. Matzigkeit, M. Chaora, T. Chitsiku, C. Muparutsa, L. George, J. Mansure, D. Mutize, W. Chinyadza, I. Chitsiku, S. Muparutsa, M. George, E. Martzigkeit.

MTASA MAKONI DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Josiah Chidzikwe
District Women's Work: Rosemary Chidzikwe
Chiduku North Circuit: John Sakutombo
Chiduku South Circuit: Elia Chitiyo
Gandanzara Circuit: Willie Marara
Inyanga Circuit: Wilson Mawanga
Honde Circuit: Jonathan Maramba
Makoni Circuit: Solomon Zuze
Mundenda-Penhalonga-Odzi: Samuel Nduna
Nyakatsapa Circuit: Willas Makunike
Rupinda Circuit: (Evison Mutanga)
Rusape-Chizawana Circuit: Kenneth Shamu
Rusape Christian Centre: Edith Samudzimu
Rusape Wesley Circuit: Darrell Huddleston

OLD UMTALI UNITED METHODIST CENTRE

Chairman: Samuel Munjoma

Ehnes Memorial Church: Samuel Munjoma

Associate Pastor and Student Chaplain: Julius Tsiga

Headmaster: Amon Dangarembga

Deputy Headmaster: D. Chitsenga

Hartzell High School Staff: A. Dangarembga, S. Dangarembga, D. Mungazi, G. Runyowa, C. Nzara, J. Tsiga, E. Maenzanise (part-time), D. Chitsenga, A. Machakaire, T. Tsodzo, E. Parks, S. Chigwedere, C. Kuona, R. Choto, O. Mhere, C. Mvere, L. Mzambwa, H. Nyanyiwa, F. Jangano.

Medical Superintendent: To be supplied

Doctor: Peter Runyowa

Matron: Adrienne Mutasa

Sisters: Adrienne Mutasa, Jean Choto

MTOKO-NYADIRI DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Joseph Bisby

District Women's Work: Dorothy Bisby

Chikwizo Circuit: Nisbert Dziwa

Dendera Circuit: (Annual Matambanadzo)

Mtoko East Circuit: Davidson Mushapaidze

Mtoko North Circuit: (Philemon Kajese)

Mtoko South Circuit: Philemon Gurupira

Mtoko West Circuit: Amon Kajese

Nyadiri Circuit: Kenneth Choto

Assistant Pastor: Peter Mufute—Student Epworth

Dendera Development Programme Director: William Finster

Dendera Women's Work: Esther Finster

NYAMUZUWE UNITED METHODIST CENTRE

Centre Circuit: Nason Madzinga

Associate Pastor: Edward Chapata

Headmaster: Josiah Njagu

Deputy Headmaster: S. Nyamugama

Nyamuzuwe High School Staff: J. Njagu, R. Mandizha, S. Dhliwayo,

E. Shahwe, M. Taylor, S. Nyamugama, N. Machimbizofa, P. Zve-

nyika, T. Roberts, V. Njagu, L. Mandizha, J. Machakaire,

E. Roberts, M. Jenami, I. Gumiro.

NYADIRI UNITED METHODIST CENTRE

Chairman: Kenneth Choto

O'Farrell Memorial Church: Kenneth Choto

Associate Pastor and Student Chaplain: J. Morgan Johnson

Principal and Headmaster, Teacher Training : Jame Makawa

T.T. Deputy Headmaster: Herbert Katedza

T.T. Staff: J. Makawa, H. Katedza, Jennie Makawa, I. Jemwa, J.M. Johnson, G. Hoover.

Secondary School Staff: Q.F. Malianga, N. Malianga, A. Morford.

Hospital:

Medical Superintendent: Davidson Sadza

Doctors: Davidson Sadza, Rosaline Johnson, Bryan Stone

Matron: Rudo Kapenzi

Sisters: Rudo Kapenzi, I. Mkwanzazi, C. Meir, Sister Chadoka, E.

Sadza, A. Stone, R. Lindgren
Nurses' School Director: Esther Rehm
Nurses' School Staff: Administrator: Ben Jambga
Hospital Chaplain: Daniel Makuto

SALISBURY-BULAWAYO DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Thomas L. Curtis
District Women's Work: Margaret Curtis
Bindura Circuit: John Nderere
Bulawayo Circuit: Lovemore Nyanungo
Associate Pastor: Milton Kalso
Christian Education: Dorcas Chinopfukutwa
Harare Circuit: Nason Dikanifuwa
Highfield Circuit: Zebediah Marewangapo
Mabvuku Circuit: Isaac Mawokomatanda
Mangula Circuit: Jotham Usore
Marandellas Circuit: Isaac Mawokomatanda
Midlands Circuit: Lancelot Dikito
Mufakose Circuit: John Nderere
Salisbury Inner-City Chaplain: Franklin Messenger (Highfield Q.C.)
Dentis (Salisbury): Margaret Nelvig

UMTALI SOUTH DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: John B. Jijita
District Women's Work: Enneta Jijita
Marange North Circuit: Caleb Mukasa
Marange West Circuit: (Kaiboni Nkomo)
Marange South Circuit: Samson Nyakuengama
Marange Central Circuit: Jairus Masenda
Zimunya North Circuit: Samuel Muzulu
Zimunya South Circuit: Davidson Chikosi
Mutambara East Circuit: Thomas Mvenge
Mutambara West Circuit: Josiah Makande
Mutambara South Circuit: J. Morgan Muchanyerei
Miller Memorial Circuit: Artheur Kanonuhwa
Associate Pastor: Samuel Mukangara
Director of United Methodist Christian Centre: Webster Mutamba
(Miller Memorial Q.C.)
Christian Education: Mrs. S. Mukangara
Umtali Girls' Hostel: Mrs. A. Leiknes

MUTAMBARA UNITED METHODIST CENTRE

Chairman: Fanuel Kadenge
Centre Church: Fanuel Kadenge
Associate Pastor and Student Chaplain: David Muzorewa
Headmaster: Oliver Musuka
Deputy Headmaster: To be supplied
Mutambara High School Staff: O. Musuka, T. Mawoyo, P. Kangara,
S. Mashingaidze, R. Sisimayi, W. Kodzai, C. Chikukwa, D.
Moyana, E. Mukonde, D. Muzorewa, R. Mariga, M. Beta,
G. Kaitano, W. Banda.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT: Don Rudy
Doctor: Don Rudy
Matron: Margit Johansson
Sisters: Margit Johansson, Barbara Wilson, Frances Lenth

SUNNYSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Administrator: Ferris Munjoma

Headmistress: S. Hervold

Sunnyside Secondary School Staff: S. Hervold, F. Munjoma, R. Nyika, S. Mhlanga, E. Musere, M. Mwoyo, E. Masumba, E. Mpunzi, Mrs. M. Chikuruwo.

CONFERENCE EXTENSION

Conference Programme Coordinator: Kare Eriksson (Mabvuku Q.C.)

Conference Evangelist: Patron Nyamukapa (Nyadiri Centre Q.C.)

Conference Director of Christian Education: Charles Miller until 31st Agust, then Josiah Kurewa.

Director of Conference Ministry to Children and Youth, and Temperance Education: Elliot Jijita, (Highfield Q.C.)

Conference Director of Stewardship: Charles Miller, Mufakose Q.C.)

Director of Health, Home and Family Life: To be supplied

Lay Training, South: Asbjorn Leiknes (Miller Memorial Q.C.)

Lay Training, North: Martin Chiza (Howard Memorial Q.C.)

Director of Publicity and Promotion: To be supplied

Land Agent, South 1 (Mutambara, Old Umtali and Nyakatsapa): Lennart Blomquist (Nyakatsapa Q.C.)

South 2 (Glenada and Arnoldine): Darrell Huddleston

Land Agent North: William Finster

Conference Ranching Programme: Denford Chimbanga

Director of Church Music Service: Patrick Matsikenyiri

Rowa School, P.B. C7319, Umtali

UMBOWO Acting Editor: Stanford Mukasa until 15th March, then Micah Chinoda (Old Q.C.)

Manager, Rhodesia Mission Press: Caleb Zisengwe

Manager, Market Square Book Room: Marcia Ball (Mabvuku Q.C.)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Administrative Assistant to the Bishop: Kare Eriksson

Administrative Secretary to the Bishop: Pat Fulmer

Executive Secretary, Board of Education: George Fleshman (A. Leiknes acting April-July)

Executive Secretary, Board of Medical Activities: Davidson Sadza

Assistant Secretary: Don Rudy

Managers of Primary Schools on Mission Lands:

(A) J. Bisby for Chikwizo, Dindi, Mtoko

(B) J. Makawa for Nyadiri

(C) G. Fleshman for Arnoldine, Glenada, Hartzell C.P.S., Nyakatsapa, Mutambara C.P.S.

(D) A. Chibanguza for Mrewa

Arnoldine/Glenada Development: Darrell Huddleston

Director of Historical Research and Archivist: To be supplied

Correspondent, RESPONSE: Pat Fulmer

Conference Auditor: Hans Anfinen (Highfield Q.C.)

Conference Building Inspector: John Schevenius

World Division of the Board of Global Ministries, Director of Budgets: Hunter Griffin

Conference Treasurer: (Elected by Annual Conference)

Field Treasurer: John Shryock (appointment subject to B.O.F.C. and Board of Global Ministries) effective 1st of February.

Pastors' School Dean: (Chosen by Board on the Ministry) Dr. M. Culver

Shona Language Study: Rev. and Mrs. J. Bisby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Shrock, Rev. and Mrs. Mrs. F. Messenger, Dr. G. Hoover, A. Morford
Missionary to Detroit Conference: Micah Chinoda

MISSIONARIES TO BOTSWANA

- (1) Maun Secondary School: Ovid Stine (Ehnes Memorial Q.C.) until 1 March
- (2) Pastor, Tati Circuit, Botswana: (Elias Chikodzi) (Seconded to United Congregational Church of Southern Africa)
- (3) Maun Secondary School: John Schevenius, 1 March to 31s July, 1973.

ECUMENICAL APPOINTMENTS

Epworth Theological College: Rev. and Mrs. K. Eriksson, Dr. and Mrs. N. Thomas (Marandellas Q.C.), Dr. and Mrs. M. Culver, (Mufakose Q.C.), Rev. and Mrs. John Kurewa (Harare Q.C.)
University of Rhodesia: M. W. Murphree (Harare Q.C.), John Kaemmer (Mufakose Q.C.)
Bulawayo United College of Education: M.L. Kalso
Executive Secretary, Bible Society of Malawi: Dennis Nyamurowa
Students: Epworth Theological College:
Diploma Course: Kennedy Mukwindidza, Maxwell Chikosi, Christopher Jokomo, Kelvin Mwandira, Eben Nhiwatiwa, Ezra Kanganga, William Chinyuku, Reddson Neshiri, David Hodzi
Sandard Course: James Chikomba, Lazarus Nzarayebani, Elias Mumbiro, Peter Mufute, Passion Zimonte

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

B. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. N. Thomas, Rev. and Mrs. J. Feiker, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fleshman, Rev. and Mrs. O. Stine, Rev. and Mrs. H. Anfinen and Rev. and Mrs. T. Curtis.

Part VI

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The District Superintendents' Composite Report

If you listened to the summary of events of the year 1972 on old year's eve you were probably struck by the large number of newsworthy events which occurred during the relatively short space of 366 days. In the same light it is difficult to comprehend that so much has taken place within this country in the space of one year which affected not only the country, but her people and consequently, the Church. Primary among these events were the Anglo-Rhodesian Settlement Talks, the disaster at Wankie colliery and the laws allowing restriction of certain persons from leaving the country by collecting their travel documents, or recent legislation governing the travel of individuals

within the African areas of the country.

As we embark on this Conference year, we bring the past quadrennium to a close and we are challenged by the fresh beginning of a new one. The beginning of the past quadrennium was marked by the election of our first African bishop, Bishop Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa. This came at a very critical time in the life of the United Methodist Church. As we look back over the four years of his leadership we note the continued development of a Chris-



Rev. D.L. Mudzengerere DS—Mrewa District

tian gentleman who has not only endeared himself to the people called Methodists but has earned the respect of countless peoples the world over in religious, social and political circles. Needless to say, we rejoice in his return to us through an overwhelming majority vote at the past Africa Central Conference held in Malawi. The wisdom of Bishop Muzorewa's leadership and his determination to peaceably press for the emancipation of the whole man has truly brought us forward as a "New Church in a New World". When the need for responsible leadership arose prior to the arrival of the Pearce Commission, we were proud that our church could offer so talented and respected and yet so humble a Christian leader as Bishop Muzorewa.

And suddenly a divided people were united. A common problem brought about oneness. In a period where it seemed impossible to be critical—it was a relief to be able to speak and feel that one was heard. The Church, too, spoke as did her individual members, and as a result on the whole we have experienced a revival within our church and have found renewed strength in unity with fellow Christians in this country and throughout the world. We have become more aware that we are a connectional church composed of congregations of United Methodists in more than fifty countries throughout the world. Truly we are a global church and a body of believers belonging to a fellowship in Christ which knows no boundaries of denomination, race or nationality.

At the same time we are an Annual Conference working within Rhodesia and while we stand against poverty, oppression, injustice, violence and all other evils of our day, our major emphasis is what we stand for. That is, the responsibility we have for preaching the eternal truths of the gospel. This is the centre of all our efforts, to seek to teach men to love God with heart, mind, soul and strength so that every part of our lives—the whole man—experiences the freedom we find in Christ Jesus.

In this spirit, the tone for the whole year was set by the series of very fine District Conferences where we were inspired by the messages and presence of Bishop Muzorewa. We are fortunate indeed in that though the ban against our Bishop prevents his going to the people, each of our districts offers at least one spot where the people can come together in fellowship with him. Only one district missed his attendance due to his presence at General Conference.

The annual meetings of the Rukwadzano, Vabvuwi and U.M.Y.F. were especially well-attended and organised. The services were inspirational and much of benefit was brought home to the various circuits.

Near the time for Central Conference we were saddened by the illness of Bishop Muzorewa. A second blow came when shortly after the doctor-in-charge recommended relief from pressure of work by convalescence and treatment over-

seas, a newly passed law made it possible to withdraw his travel documents. Nevertheless Bishop Muzorewa has remained cheerful through these weeks and though not completely recovered is able to assume a large share of his heavy responsibilities and is present with us at the Conference to chair this meeting. We all rejoice to have him back with us.

The 75th anniversary celebrations held in October at Old Umtali helped each of us to better appreciate the heritage which is ours and to more readily see the tremendous changes and progress over those 75 years. How we admire the spirit and dedication of those early workers and we are challenged to work harder at our far easier tasks today. We are thankful to God for the insight of



Rev. T. Curtis DS—Salisbury-Bulawayo District

Bishop Dodge and others who have brought about the maturity of this conference with its composition of well-trained and able Christian men and women dedicated not to disorder and violence, but to the development of a people of God. It is gratifying to see many of these fine people of being selected from numbers of applicants for filling places of great responsibility within the framework of the country. We know their Christian influence cannot

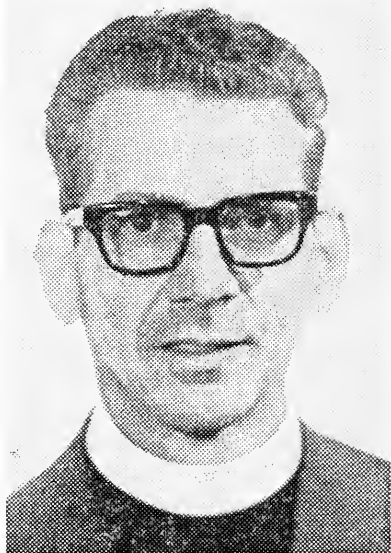
help but bring about a better understanding between black and white and between those unfamiliar with United Methodists and ourselves. Where ignorance is replaced with knowledge, understanding and reconciliation can be born.

In the area of education, we have reason to be proud of the standard of our schools. Our post primary schools have been visited and favourably commented upon by government education officers. Both the standard of work and the excellence of teaching are to be commended. Our only disappointment is the continued failure to be granted a sixth form at any of our centres. We continue to press for this. In the area of primary school work, we have been favourably impressed by those teachers who have continued faithful in their work both in school and church. Even though no longer employed by the church, a good number of the outstanding leaders in the local churches continue to be teachers. They serve as lay leaders at district and circuit levels, as class leaders, treasurers and in many other areas of responsibility. To each of you we express our thanks and appreciation. We are grateful for the opportunities for training brought about through the efforts of the Rukwazano and MRID and look forward soon to opening more work of this kind with centres in the northern section of the conference as well. Literacy work is planned with emphasis on help among adults so as to make way for reading of the Bible and other devotional materials. We appreciate the efforts being made in Christian education and urge concentration upon production of more materials for use in Sunday Schools, class meetings, home visitation, and local preacher training.

We sympathize with our medical personnel who face the problem of higher costs and wages with lower budgets and less government aid. With increases in population and resettlement the demand often exceeds supply. Overcrowding cannot be avoided. Equipment wears out, and there are virtually no funds for expanding buildings or replacing equipment. Nevertheless the spirit of service pervades our hospitals and clinics and they continue to perform a very needed service. Heal a man's body and you are half-way to healing his soul.

Again we appreciate the opportunity for lay training institutes and for the work among local preachers. Only by a thorough training of leaders at the local level can we improve our circuits. For in the system under which our church operates, much of the work of continuing the fellowship lies on the shoulders of the lay people who serve as local preachers. We appreciate the fine work which many of the m are doing, but regret that many others fail to keep their preaching appointments and so cause dis-interest in church and attendance.

In many districts, special evangelistic services and outreach missions have been performed with the result that

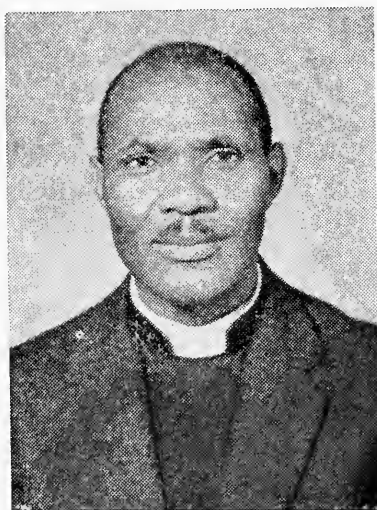


Rev. J. Bisby DS—Mtoko-Nyadiri District

many persons have rededicated themselves to Jesus Christ. Others have met Him for the first time and have been brought into the fellowship of the church. We are pleased that several persons met the challenge of a call to go to Botswana and pray that as cabinet has selected a consecrated and capable supply pastor and his wife to be sent there that you will in turn strive by every possible means to support them. This is an evangelical outreach of this Con-

ference which people in Botswana have prayed for, for a long time. Let us not forget our responsibility to them as they leave us.

In this new quadrennium we recognize the presence of the new lay delegates. It is a pleasure to see you joining the ranks of those chosen to represent their local church or circuit. We urge you and the other delegates to use these busy but short hours wisely so that you may be a storehouse of information and instruction to your fellow members at home. For they will hear little of what the Conference does unless you, the link between conference and circuit, carry the word and challenge to them. We are proud of the laity of this conference and commend you for



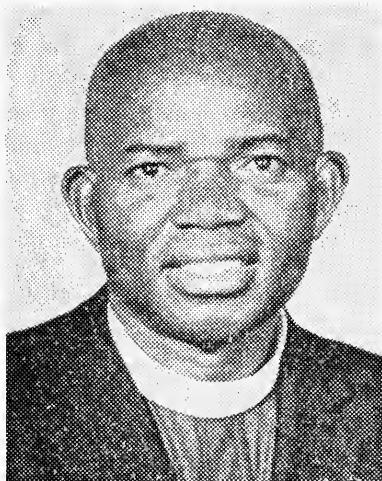
Rev. J. Chidzikwe DS—Mtasa-Makoni District

the attempt you have made and will continue to make to create a self-supporting church. In recent years we have seen a continuing reduction of funds coming from overseas. Though this sometimes creates hardships, we also know it causes us to grow and in the end strengthens us to stand on our own feet. However, it also means that we must first learn means of economizing on personnel, materials and funds in an attempt to make what we have last longer and go farther. Secondly, we must teach Christian stewardship by word and deed so that more people are giving more

financial and voluntary help towards the work of the Church. We commend the efforts of the Task Force, Rukwazano, U.M.Y.F. and Vabvuwi where these organizations have made special effort towards church support in answer to the appeal made last year. We commend the efforts of the Director of Stewardship and the work of the Conference and district lay leaders and those pastors who set an example of unselfish giving. But the success we desire lies in the hands of each probationary and full member who by the vows of church membership has promised his time, his presence, his prayers and his gifts towards the support of the church. Until every member assumes his share (and if possible *more*), our task will not be finished. Our pastors cannot feel free to devote their time and talents whole-heartedly to their work unless they are freed from the anxiety of trying to earn a living for their families. Some are criticized justly for lack of visitation. But a man cannot be expected to travel circuits of sometimes 2 000 square miles without a vehicle to carry him nor fuel to run the vehicle. Only when his family is adequately fed, housed and educated can he be free to purchase transport and fuel. Consequently perhaps he doesn't visit as he should. Who is to blame? Yet if he does not visit, financial support drops even lower. What are we to do? We feel that where a circuit totally fails to support its pastor we may be forced to withdraw one until this debt is met.

In spite of the lack of full financial support we are gratified by the work of many of the pastors. Some have been able to serve remote or difficult areas working diligently amongst sometimes unresponsive people but have gradually strengthened and cultivated until progress begins to show itself. People begin to attend services because these pastors have shown a concern for them in spite of their weak support. Soon they begin to realize what membership means and the church grows. In an area where the membership was static, and support hard to find, an interested pastor and his wife work and the count at the end of the first year is 120 new members. A church decides to have a Lord's acre and through proper leadership and dedication a record braking harvest for the Lord is brought

in and others are challenged to do even better. A group of people have been helped by the Conference, but the job is unfinished so through the inspiration of a pastor who is willing to take off his clerical collar and push a wheelbarrow the job is finished by a large group of volunteer labourers. Bricks are needed to build a new church. The U.M.Y.F. has no funds to help so they come together and mould, stack and fire several thousand bricks without charge to their church. These are only a few of the *true*



Rev. J.B. Jijita DS—Umtali South District

stories of the life of our Conference during the past year, and are examples of the tremendous work which could be accomplished throughout the conference if everyone remembered seriously his church vows.

Let us take as our theme “Forward for Christ” in the new quadrennium, not for the glory of ourselves or our church, but forward for *Christ*. With this theme in mind, let us approach this quadrennium with these goals in mind:

1. *A personal comitment to Christ and his church.* The place to begin is with ourselves. We cannot hope to witness to others until we have been refined in the flame of the spirit of Christ.

2. *An evangelistic thrust througout all areas of the*

Conference. There are many people both at our doorstep and in remote areas of our Conference who have not yet heard the gospel of Christ. Let us vow to reach every corner. We call upon each district to move ahead with plans under the guidance of the Conference evangelist.

3. *A renewed effort in Christian education.* We must train our local leaders and church members for their responsibilities within the church. This will mean more diligent planning and preparation, the production of new and interesting materials and programmes.

4. *A more committed endeavour towards self-support and Christian stewardship.* This entails a two-way response. As circuits ask for pastors they must assume the responsibilities for supporting them adequately. In turn, pastors must see their responsibilities to the flocks to which they have been called, as a full time job towards which they have dedicated their very lives.

5. *A move towards Christian reconciliation.* It is tragic to consider that it sometimes takes a disaster such as Wankie to cause us to lay aside barriers. In the midst of that misery and grief came a miracle of unity for in that tragedy which favoured no race or group it was amazing to see that no one noticed who was black or white—only that he was a sufferer in need of compassion, a newly made widow or orphan, an occupant of a home which would no loner know a father's step, a brother's laugh. The tragedy has built a bridge in that community and old fears have been set aside. Where it never would have happened before one sees Europeans offering lifts to Africans, black and white walking together in conversation and laughter, obviously enjoying the fellowship of one another.

We must strive to allay the fears and anxieties of the European in the country and assure them that though there are real areas of mistrust and misunderstanding, there is, nevertheless, a fellowship of love which, if given the opportunity will overcome all barriers and defeat the hate which separates people. When our church is denied privileges granted to other denominations it tends to make our people even more withdrawn. Even so, let us strive to be

agents of the love which brings reconciliation.

6. *Continue to lift up the whole man in our society.* We cannot rest while there is poverty, illness, oppression, hunger, ignorance and lack of morality. We have begun the work in earnest; let us continue it in the same spirit.

"I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men to me." As we lift up Christ, we lift up our fellowmen. By these means we "Go forward with Christ."

Archives and Historical Research

A. THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ARCHIVIST

Contribution of Rev. Sells:

Early in the year the late Rev. Ernest Sells, with his wife, came back to Rhodesia for a short stay in order to re-organize the archives. In April they left, as arranged by the World Methodist Council, to take up the appointment as interim pastor of the Brentwood Circuit until June 30, when they returned to their home at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Only three months later we were saddened to hear that he had died in his sleep on the 7th September. He was the Director of the Archives in our Rhodesia Conference, and had contributed largely to their development for many years. His generosity will long be remembered by us with gratitude.

VISITORS TO THE ARCHIVES

In the middle of the year three Junior Schools and two Senior Schools from Umtali visited the Archives to learn about the history of Umtali, both at the old site and the present location. They expressed their deep appreciation for this help. It is regretted that I could not grant the Umtali City Council's request for the gift of some of our pictures of the Old Umtali Township since they are very important for our use and for future generations.

The August-September school holidays saw ten people coming to use the archives for their research; two each came from the Road and Works Department in Umtali, from Zambia, and from Nyadiri, while one each came

from the University of Rhodesia, from the Gwelo Teachers' College, from the Anglican Church and from the Roman Catholic Church.

Opportunities for Speaking:

During the past year I have received a great many invitations from various groups in churches and schools to speak to them on the history of the Church and/or the tribe. Many of these invitations I had to decline due to lack of money for travel. However, those groups that I have been able to visit have found the information very helpful.

The 75th Anniversary:

The highlight of the Church's activities this year was the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the United Methodist Church in Rhodesia on October 21-22, 1972. Its success depended on the cooperation of all within the church. For our part the Archives Department started early and continued for months by digging out the historical background of each Centre and making ready pictures for a display though, in the end it was not shown for fear that some of the valuable pictures might be spoiled by wind and sun.

I would like to thank each one for the wonderful effort he put in to make the Anniversary Celebrations a success. Makorokoto to the entire United Methodist Church on their 75th Anniversary. We are looking forward to such celebrations in the future.

Emphases for 1973:

First, I hope to reorganize our files, arranging them in categories and sections so that we can see clearly the advancement each year as we go.

Second, since we should be proud of our church and of our tribal history—the cornerstone of our character and behaviour—I want to lay greater emphasis on *the importance of our people learning the worthwhile teachings of our Church and of our tribal life and of putting them into practice.*

I shall continue to print in the Umbowo information to help everyone acquaint themselves with the past of the Church. With such facts available to us, it is wise for us to be familiar with our past.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

1. We note with regret the lack of sufficient funds to keep Mr. Machuma on a full time basis as Conference Archivist. However, we are pleased that he will be able to continue this important work on a part-time basis.

2. We request BOFAC to provide an annual budget of \$100 to help the part-time work of the Conference Archivist. The money is needed for publications, development of negatives and pictures, correspondence and stationery.

3. We recommend that the Conference Archivist be invited to attend District Conferences, RRW Annual Meetings, Wabvuwi Conventions and U.M.Y.F. meetings where he can give talks on the history of our church.

4. We request that arrangements should be made at each session of the annual conference for a picture of the conference delegates.

5. We appreciate the invitation extended to Mr. Machuma, our Conference Archivist, to attend the meeting of the World Methodist Historical Society in Bristol, England in July, 1973.

6. The biography entitled "The life of Bishop Hartzell", by Kare Eriksson, should be promoted. We express our appreciation to Mr. Eriksson for compiling the information and preparing this book for publication.

Amon Dangarembga (Chairman)

Wilson Mawanga (Vice-Chairman)

Shepherd Machuma (Secretary)

1972 Central Conference Legislative Changes

The information given below is an outline of some of the decisions and recommendations made to the annual conferences of the Africa Central Conference.

1. LIFE EPISCOPACY:

(A) We recommend that the annual conferences of this Central Conference study the matter of life episcopacy during this quadrennium. The members of the delegations here present shall be responsible to see that this subject is studied formally or informally in their conferences.

(B) At the session of Annual Conference immediately preceeding the next Central Conference, there shall be held in each annual conference a discussion, vote and tally on the following questions: - "Do we or do we not want life episcopacy in this Central Conference?" This discussion, vote and tally shall proceed in the absence of the presiding bishop and of any other bishop present at that Conference and under the presidency of another person chosen by the Conference.

(C) After the discussion has been terminated at the will of the Conference, a secret ballot shall be taken on ballots previously prepared which will have the following items listed in a language which all members of the Annual Conference can understand:

Mark X in one box and one only.

I am in favour of conferring life episcopacy on a bishop of this Central Conference,

upon his first election:

with his re-election after:

4 years of service

8 years of service

12 years of service

I am not in favour of conferring life episcopacy by this Central Conference.

Each member of the annual conference lay and ministerial shall vote for one and one only of these statements.

(D) The ballots shall be tallied in the presence of the Conference. All ballots including any spoiled shall be sealed in an envelope in the presence of the Conference and delivered to the president of the delegation of the annual conference to the next Central Conference. The number of votes shall be indicated on the envelope by the secretary

of the annual conference. The envelope shall be delivered to the secretary of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference who in turn deliver it to the Committee on the Ministry.

(E) The committee shall bring to the Central Conference a recommendation. Neither the Committee nor the Central Conference shall be bound in its action by the results of the votes of the several annual conferences as these votes shall be considered advisory only.

We recommend that provisions of Report No. 3 of the 1968 Journal of this Committee remain in force with one exception. We propose that section (d) read:

The ballots of the annual conferences shall be opened and counted by the Committee on the Ministry in its session immediately preceding the balloting for the episcopacy. It shall then bring to the Central Conference a primary slate of candidates consisting of the top three names in each annual conference. The names shall be listed with the number of votes received by each.

2. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

Referral: Rev. Alf Helgesson moved that the three alternatives:

(1) one ministerial delegate for each 10 members of the Annual Conferences, and as many lay delegates (See Report No. 2 of the Committee on Conferences par. 5 (a)

(2) 15 ministerial delegates and 15 lay delegates without reference to the number of Conference members.

(3) one ministerial delegate for each 15 members of the Annual Conferences and as many lay delegates, be referred to the Annual Conferences for study and for a vote to be taken. A final decision should be taken by the Executive Committee based upon the votes of the Annual Conferences before the election of delegates to the Central Conference in 1976. This was passed.

We recommend that each delegation treasurer pay for the costs of travel and entertainment for his delegation, and then submit, when all expenses are known, an accounting to the Central Conference treasurer. The Central Con-

ference Treasurer will then render accounts and make payments. The delegation treasurers are to meet the Central Conference treasurer before leaving this conference to make as many of these arrangements as possible before the conference adjourns.

We recommend that the treasurer of each annual conference transfer to the treasurer of the Central Conference once each year 15% of the funds accrued from local offerings set aside for Central Conference expense, so as to facilitate the setting up of the following session and of the mid-term executive committee meeting.

3. EDUCATION/SOCIAL SERVICES

Actions:

1 *Education of girls*

To help our girls, who begin Primary School as well as the boys, to finish in greater numbers the Primary and Secondary School studies, we recommend to the Annual Conferences:

(a) to introduce and reinforce sex education in the Hygiene courses of the terminal degree of the Primary School and in Secondary School;

(b) that this education start and continue in the family with the cooperation of the Christian Education department;

(c) that the Church also help the parents to adopt a reasonable minimum age for the marriage of their children;

(d) that the church provide education for parents in this subject.

2. *Education outside the home country*

We ask the Churches in the different countries in Africa to take into consideration boys and girls coming from other countries when accepting students in our schools and when granting scholarships.

3. *Agriculture*

To answer the nutritional and economic needs of Christian families, we recommend to the Annual Conferences of the Central Conference to encourage the practice of agriculture and animal husbandry.

1. *Education of girls*

(We recommend) that intensive efforts be made to furnish instruction in sexual hygiene and child guidance to parents, that schools for parents be used where they may exist.

2. *Education of children from other countries*

(We recommend) that a regular exchange student programme on the Secondary level should be started within our Central Conference.

3. *Agriculture*

To answer the nutritional and economic needs of Christian families, we recommend to the Annual Conferences of the Central Conference to encourage the practice of agriculture and animal husbandry. The following points are suggestions for implementing this recommendation:

(a) We suggest the setting up on Young Farmers' Clubs so that our young people will be engaged in growing vegetables and raising pigs, chickens, rabbits, etc.

(b) We recommend that Church agencies make extension to villages a part of all agriculture programmes.

(c) We recommend that Church agricultural personnel be encouraged to cooperate with extension programmes not directly connected with Church agencies.

(d) We recommend that the Annual Conferences study seriously the use and placement of agricultural and other personnel, to use them in the most effective way for their respective qualifications and places of work. We ask that they keep in mind the possibility that qualified people can sometimes make more of a contribution to society working in programmes which are not directly under or connected with the Church.

4. *Informal education*

(a) We recommend that the Annual Conferences set up and carry out rural programmes in informal education for school leavers, both boys and girls, at various educational levels, in the form of local clubs. Suggested programmes:

Boys

Industrial work

Girls

Sewing

Building
Animal husbandry
Poultry raising
Motor mechanics

Agriculture
Bible Study

Cooking
Home management
Agriculture
Keeping of small
animals
Hygiene
Bible Study

Until there are sufficient funds and/or national personnel on hand to employ trained national personnel, we request the Board of Global Ministries for qualified missionary personnel to direct these programmes.

5. *Medical Work*

(a) *Health*: In order to reduce mortality and improve the health of the people, we ask the Churches of the Central Conference to place increasing emphasis on Public Health and preventive medicine rather than on purely curative medicine. Our Church medical services should be engaging in such activities as the following:

(1) Well-child or "under-fives" clinics, with immunizations and other measures of disease prevention.

(22) Education of mothers in child care and feeding, to improve the nutrition of children especially during the weaning period.

(3) Pre-natal clinics and better maternity care.

(4) Family Planning: we ask the Churches to explain to families the importance of spacing the births of their children for the sake of the health of the mother and the babies.

(5) Health education of various groups.

(6) Sanitation, that is for safe water, good excreta disposal, insect control, cleanliness.

(7) Case-finding, prevention and early treatment of endemic, contagious and chronic diseases such as Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Sleeping Sickness. Our Church medical services should help and supplement government activities in this field where necessary.

(8) In regard to Leprosy in particular, our Church medical services should follow the new policies of the World Health Organization and the American Leprosy

Missions, which are: to phase out the old leprosy colonies, treat new and old patients in centres as near to their homes as possible, hospitalize those needing special care in general hospitals, and in every way prevent the crippling deformity and social upheaval which accompanied leprosy in the past.

(b) *Personnel*: We note with dismay that medical work is not sufficiently available due to lack of personnel or lack of financial support where national personnel may be available. Until there are sufficient funds to employ trained national personnel, we therefore request the Central Conference to intensify its efforts before the Board of Global Ministries in order to find foreign medical personnel in all categories: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, etc.

(c) *Funding*: We suggest that the Annual Conferences consider the possibility of seeking funds from foundations and other sources besides the regular Church and Mission funds.

6. *Participation of women*

(a) We recommend that more qualified women be appointed as members of governing boards of our Church institutions—schools, hospitals, boarding schools—and our scholarship committees, in any case where their number does not give them a proper voice in the direction of these institutions and committees.

(b) We urge women who are given positions to take their responsibilities seriously and work conscientiously.

7. *Relevance of the curriculum*

We encourage and recommend to our educational leaders the serious consideration of practical trade education as a part of our school curricula. We see a serious need for domestic science, needlework, woodwork, metal work, brick work, bookkeeping and typing as practical courses of real value to a person after he finishes school. These should be implemented wherever and whenever possible.

8. *Preparation of teachers and principals*

We recommend to the Annual Conferences:

(a) that courses for the enrichment of teachers and prin-

cipals be organized every year in each Annual Conference. In addition to local professors, individuals should be invited from outside the country to teach in these courses.

(b) that the Methodist Church intensify the preparation of new teachers by giving scholarships to those who wish to study such courses. We note that in certain areas of our Central Conference non-Christian teachers have been hired by our schools because of the lack of qualified Christian teachers.

9. *Scholarships*

We note that the Crusade Office has asked each Annual Conference for a Family Policy in regard to the study of married students overseas. We hear that as a result some wives have been able to accompany their husbands, but that in many cases they continue to remain at home when their husbands go overseas. We strongly recommend to the Board of Missions the following policy, which was first recommended at the Africa Central Conference in 1968.

(a) that when a married student is given a scholarship for study overseas, he be accompanied by his wife, who should have studies to improve her academic qualifications and enrich her life.

(b) that if there is a pre-school child in the family, the child should be permitted to accompany his parents.

10. *The use of pictures in communication*

(a) Replying to the request of the plenary session of the Central Conference, which asked us to study and recommend means of implementation of Rev. Kasongo's presentation concerning the role of pictures in mass communication, this committee thinks it well to transfer the question to the Communications Committee of the present session of Central Conference.

(b) However the committee takes advantage of this occasion to recommend to the Education Committees of our respective Annual Conferences to make a study and find the means of helping our students to benefit from modern audio-visual methods.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Revolving Fund of \$35,000 in New York. Motion: We

recommend that the present investment of \$35,000, held as a printing revolving fund be invested for a four-year period, with the interest derived from the investment to be equally divided annually between the six (6) conferences.

At present a full literacy programme is operating in Zaire, Mozambique and South Africa, directed through the South East Africa Conference, and a further programme in South Africa and South West Africa, directed by a missionary of the South East Conference, appointed as executive director of the Bureau of Literacy and Literature.

It is recommended that the present programme be continued and improved and wherever no such programmes are operating in any of the Annual Conferences, that immediate attention be given to this work. It is further recommended that scholarships be found and granted to suitable leaders for proper training at recognized institutions for appointment to this work. It should be recognized that an institute of present leaders in this area of work of our conferences should be organized as a concern of immediate urgency. Where possible existing materials should be exchanged between the Annual Conferences.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church:

The report was read. After a lengthy discussion, the report was accepted. With reference to 2a of this report

(a) Rev. Elliot Jijita was nominated Chairman of the standing committee and

(b) the following were nominated as members:

South East Africa:	Chadreque Majongue Tage Adolfsson Bento Navess —alternate
Rhodesia:	J. Chidzikwe T. Chitanda Norman Thomas— alternate
North Shaba:	Mutemo Ndayi waNkuni Makonga Ndala
Central Zaire:	Joe Davis

P. Djundu
D. Ngongo— alternate

South Zaire: Kaputo Kabalusha
Pete Hoepner
Frere Kayombo Dua Ziyil
— alternate

Angola: Manuel Francisco Abrigada
Job Baltazar Diogo

The State of the Church (cont.) (c) New Discipline: William Marima moved that the work of this committee be orientated towards the production of a new and up-to-date discipline of the United Methodist Church of the Africa Central Conference as soon as possible and that no versions of the old Discipline be reprinted. The motion was passed by the Conference.

(d) Suggested Changes in Discipline: Rev. Joe Davis made the motion that Rev. Elliot Jijita and the United Methodist members of the staff of Epworth Theological College prepare, prior to the meeting of the special standing committee on the Discipline, suggested changes for the the Discipline of Africa Central Conference edition. This motion was passed.

5. WORLD MISSION, FIRST REPORT

Historical Statement: The Botswana Committee was constituted by action of the Central Conference at Gaborone in August 1968, with the responsibility of developing a missionary programme for the Central Conference, with special reference to Botswana as a "Land of Decision." (See Africa Central Conference *Journal*, 1968, pp. 45-46, p. 22)

The membership of the Committee as first constituted in Gaborone has inevitably changed with the passage of time, but the personnel principally involved over the quadrennium have been as follows: M.W. Murphree (Chairman), I. Musamba (Treasurer), R. Korswing (Secretary), Bishop E. Zunguze, Miss M. Johannssen, Rev. E. Ma-

tongo, Rev. B. Davis, Mrs. D. Davis, Mr. A. Osamba. The last three, being members of the Committee from Zaire, have been precluded from attendance at all but one of the committee meetings. Tragically, Rev. Matongo's death during the quadrennium robbed the committee of his valuable contribution for much of the period.

The original planning envisaged at Central Conference in 1968 at Gaborone foresaw an emphasis on medical work and Dr. and Mrs. Hughlett, retiring medical missionaries from Zaire were appointed to go to Maun to conduct an initial investigation. Unfortunately this appointment could not be taken up for health reasons.

Subsequent to Central Conference in August, the initial planning stages involved:

(a) a meeting in Gaborone 19-20/9/68 between the Chairman, representatives of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, the Botswana Government and the Botswana Christian Council;

(b) a subsequent meeting of the Committee 7-8/1/69, and on the same dates a joint meeting with representatives of the UCCSA. A joint committee of the Botswana Committee and the UCCSA was formed to deal with all matters pertaining to joint action and cooperation between the two. At this meeting the basic principles for cooperation between the two bodies, outlined below in section 4.1 were established.

(c) a decision was taken to conduct a survey of the educational and medical needs of Botswana, and Dr. G. Close and Mr. G. Fleshman, both of Rhodesia, were asked to carry out this task. This survey was conducted 20/3/69-7/4/69.

(d) on the basis of the reports submitted by Messrs. Close and Fleshman, and on the basis of discussions held between the Chairman and various Government departments in Gaborone, the following guide lines were established:

(i) that educational work, and particularly the development of a secondary school was of primary importance to the Government and people of Botswana;

(ii) that such a school should be established and

developed in Ngamiland;

(iii) that while there were obvious medical needs as well, any development in this direction should be postponed until a clearer definition of needs was forthcoming and adequate resources available.

The Committee subsequently met at Mrewa, Rhodesia, 30/5/69. The Committee at that time made the following specific recommendations:

(a) that the Central Conference place before the Botswana Government a definite proposal for the establishment of a secondary school under its aegis.

(b) that this school be established "as soon as practicable," and if possible in January, 1970.

(c) that the school be established to run along the lines laid down in the Freshman report.

(d) that the Central Conference indicate to the Botswana Government its intention to start a medical work at Shakawe along the lines of the Close memorandum "within the near future," if resources permit.

(e) that a nurse be seconded to the UCCSA work at the Maun Maternity Centre from the Central Conference, and as soon as possible.

To implement these recommendations it was suggested that:

(a) The Rhodesia and Congo Areas each accept in principle the provision of a missionary couple (or two single missionaries) for the secondary school project, to be made available as soon as possible and preferably not later than January, 1970.

(b) the Board of Missions provide a missionary couple under the same conditions mentioned in (a) above, and that it undertake to recruit in addition, two single persons —(A-3, Peace Corps, etc.) to serve as teachers beginning January, 1970.

(c) Annual Conferences of the Africa Central Conference, and the Liberia Area, are invited to make offers of personnel assistance in excess of these suggestions.

(d) That the member conferences of the Central Conference contribute to the recurring budget of the pro-

gramme for the period June 1969-May 1970 as follows:

Rhodesia Annual Conference	\$1 000,00
Southern Congo Conference	\$1 000,00
Central Congo Conference	\$1 000,00
Angola Conference	\$750,00
Mozambique Conference	\$750,00
N. Katanga Annual Conference	\$250,00
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Plus request to Liberia	\$1 000,00
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(e) that the Board of Missions, New York, provide the capital expenditure required for the establishment of a secondary school at Maun, along lines suggested in the Fleshman memorandum. (Note: If a school is started on a day-school basis in January 1970, this would involve the provision of \$105 840,00 by January 1970 for building purposes.)

Upon receipt of assurances from the member conferences of the Central Conference and from the Board of Missions that they are willing to participate in the programme on the basis of these recommendations, the Central Conference made a formal approach to the Botswana Government to establish a secondary school at Maun. This offer was subsequently accepted by the Botswana Government.

The Committee subsequently held meetings in June, August and September, 1969, the meeting in August 1969 being jointly held with a Planning Committee for the purpose constituted by the Botswana Government.

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met in Maun on the 24th of September, 1969 and endorsed the programme devised by the Committee, including a draft constitution for the Maun Secondary School.

A building programme for the proposed school was subsequently started, made possible by the generous secondment by the Rhodesia Annual Conference of Mr. J. Scheve-

nius to this work during the period October-December 1969. The UCCSA also generously provided the services of the Rev. J.K. Main to act as interim first Principal to set up the educational programme of the school and the Rev. B. Bailey to act as interim Treasurer and purchasing agent.

The Rhodesia Annual Conference generously agreed to the secondment of the Rev. and Mrs. O.A. Stine at its Conference in January 1970, Rev. Stine to be the Principal of the school. Mr. and Mrs. Philemon Machiri also went from Rhodesia, Mr. Machiri to be in charge of building operations. The Machiris and the Stines were therefore the first missionaries of the Africa Central Conference appointed to this project. The Stines and Machiris were joined by Rev. and Mrs. Burkholder sent out by the Board of Missions, two Peace Corps teachers, and classes began late January 1970.

Time does not allow a detailed description of subsequent developments. It will suffice to say that through an intensive building programme, through the generous assistance of the Board of Missions and the Peace Corps in providing staff requirements, we have in three years reached the position where we have a full two-stream junior secondary school going to Form III. Our present staff includes one teacher provided and paid for by the Botswana Government, and one additional missionary couple from the Africa Central Conference, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Uqueio, who took up their appointment at Maun in January 1971. There have been, inevitably, problems concerning staff, building, and the development of a genuinely Christian tradition at the school. Many of these difficulties are cause for regret and for the continued effort and prayers of the Central Conference. Nevertheless, it can be confidently asserted that miracles have been achieved, and the Committee is deeply grateful to Rev. and Mrs. Stine and their staff for their dedication, perseverance and accomplishments.

The Committee is also deeply grateful to the Board of Missions in New York for their consistent and generous support, which has involved wise guidance, patience and sympathetic consideration of our staff problems, and the

provision of over US \$220 000 for capital development.

Finally, we are pleased to see a growing confidence and fellowship developing between ourselves and the UCCSA. Doors are being opened for greater participation on our part in the evangelistic life and spiritual growth of the Church in Botswana. The invitation extended to send an evangelist to Francistown is evidence of this, and for these possibilities we thank God.

CONSTITUTION AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS, THE MAUN SECONDARY SCHOOL

The position of the Committee concerning the control and proprietorship of the school has been:

(a) that it wishes to establish an institution reflecting Christian principles, meeting the local needs of the Botswana people and eventually being handed over to the local authority.

(b) that as an interim and developmental programme, authority over the school should be linked with responsibility for it and that therefore the legal control of the school should be for the present vested with the Central Conference.

(c) the proposed constitution of the Board of Governors of this school, therefore provides *inter alia* that the Board of Governors shall be constituted as follows :

(a) Six nominees of the Proprietor.

(b) Two nominees of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa.

(c) One nominee of the Botswana Christian Council.

(d) One nominee of the Minister responsible for Education in the Botswana Government (hereinafter called the Minister).

(e) One nominee of the North West District Council.

(f) One nominee of the Minister responsible for Agriculture in the Botswana Government.

(g) One nominee to represent local interests, to be nominated by the Minister.

(h) One nominee of the Minister responsible for Development Planning in the Botswana Government.

The Constitution also calls for the proprietorship of the

school to lie with the Africa Central Conference. These proposals were drawn up in consultation with and agreed to by the Botswana Government and representatives of the UCCSA and BCC. The constitution does not yet have legal status for reasons stipulated in para. 3.1, but does form the basis for our present agreement with the Botswana Government. At the meeting of the Executive of the Central Conference held in September 1969 the following were nominated to the Board of Governors: A. Dangarembga, G. Fleshman, N. Goto, M. Murphree, A. Penicela, Bishop Shungu, P. Hoepner, (alternate) and Bishop Zunguze (alternate).

The large membership by the Africa Central Conference on the Board of Governors has been questioned by the Board of Missions, particularly in a report by the Educational Secretary, Dr. Sam Smith, dated 10 May 1970, and by representatives of the Board of Missions in their meetings with your Committee in February 1972. In their view the composition of the Board of Governors is unweidly, dominated by expatriates and marked by a lack of local Botswana representation. The Committee undertook to put this issue to the Central Conference for further consideration.

The position of the UCCSA and the BCC on this issue has been to leave the decision to the Central Conference, and no pressure has been exerted for a decision one way or the other from these bodies, other than to suggest that the legal position of the school should be clarified.

In the light of this discussion, the Central Conference is asked to give consideration to this matter and make its position clear.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE IN BOTSWANA

It is a requirement for the registration of our constitution in Botswana that the Africa Central Conference establish a legal presence within Botswana. The absence of such a legal presence has held up the registration of our constitution to date.

To rectify this position, Central Conference is asked to

consider the recommendation contained in Appendix A of this report.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE UCCSA

As agreed by the Joint Committee of the UCCSA and the ACC, the relationship between our two bodies has been as follows:

(a) UCCSA has given a formal invitation to the Central Conference to enter Botswana and carry out such educational and other work as may be agreed between the two bodies, but the understanding has been that the financial and staffing responsibilities for such work shall lie with the ACC.

(b) the ACC has undertaken not to attempt to start a separate Methodist Church body within Botswana, but to direct its institutional programme into a strengthening of the Church of Christ in Botswana and specifically the UCCSA.

(c) Methodist personnel sent by the ACC to Botswana are to be fully incorporated into the UCCSA while there, and to be accorded the privileges and responsibilities of such status.

These arrangements have been satisfactory, but recently the Overseas Secretary of the UCCSA expressed a desire that the relationship should be more formally stated.

The Central Conference is therefore asked to consider the recommendation that its Committee (or successor) be authorized to conclude a more formal arrangement along these lines.

FINANCE

A summary statement by the Treasurer of the accounts handled by the Committee during the quadrennium appears as Appendix B to this report. Accounts held in Botswana by our Treasurer (Mrs. Stine) are audited regularly by a commercial auditor.

Capital expenditure on the Maun School has exceeded US \$220 000,00. The Board of Missions is committed to a further capital donation of \$25 000,00 per annum for the quadrennium 1973-1976.

The UCCSA has generously made a commitment of

R 7 000,00 for capital expenditure for the same period.

Capital development projections for the Maun Secondary School for the period 1973-75 call for a total expenditure of \$592 000,00 (US). The balance required to achieve this budget has been requested from the Division of Inter Church Aid of the World Council of Churches. It should be noted that if the funds not be forthcoming, the school will be able to continue as a viable educational unit, albeit at an unfortunately arrested level.

Commitment for all our Botswana work from the Board of Missions has been agreed at the following levels: 1973-74 US \$20 000,00 per annum; 1975-76 the Committee recommends a recurrent budget from the Board of Missions of US \$15 000,00 per annum. The balance required for recurring budgets should come from the Africa Central Conference, and the Conference is asked to approve the budget submitted in this report as Appendix C.

SCHOOL STAFFING

The Board of Missions has committed itself to the provision of an establishment of four missionary family units for the quadrennium 1973-76. The balance of our staffing requirements must come from other agencies and from Central Conferences.

The Central Conference currently provides one missionary couple to the staff of the school and it is recommended that this establishment be raised to two family units. In particular it is highly desirable that an experienced school headmaster be provided for the school.

OTHER STAFF

A request from the UCCSA has come to the Committee for the secondment of an evangelist to their Francistown area. It is recommended that the Central Conference receive this request, and that the Rhodesia Annual Conference be assigned responsibility for meeting it. Budget requirements are included in the proposed budget.

The secondment of an additional missionary family unit from one of the member annual conferences would be highly desirable.

6. STATE OF THE CHURCH

The committee feels that the study of the Discipline could not be done properly within the short time of this conference; therefore we recommend to you the following:

(a) that a standing committee be organized composed of two members from each Annual Conference, which can do this task during this quadrennium revising the whole Central Africa Discipline.

(b) that in each Annual Conference a committee be organized to discuss and make recommendations to the above mentioned Central Africa Conference Committee.

TRIBALISM: This committee was asked to discuss the question of tribalism. We recommend that all our church members who hold responsible positions observe the following things in employing or giving appointments to all people:

(a) that they be guided by the merits of the individual rather than by his or her race or tribe.

(b) that a Christian must bear in mind the Christian task of love and reconciliation based on *Christian love*.

7. STATISTICS

Each Annual Conference must have a workshop on statistics.

We recommend that the District Superintendents send their statistical reports to the Bishop one month before the Annual Conference. The Bishop, together with the statistician of the Annual Conference, will control it.

In order to facilitate the work of the Central Conference statistician, each area must send its report to the Central Conference statistician in April, 1976 (that is, for 1972-1975).

Christian Education: Composite Report

During the past Conference Year, the Christian Education programme has functioned for the first time without the assistance of full time Christian Education workers. However, these men along with many others have continued the programme within the circuits and districts.

During this year a survey has been made through a questionnaire to each of the forty-eight circuits of the Conference. It reveals a picture of which we may not be aware. Of all the circuits contacted, only half chose to reply. Of the half that did reply, the results show that half of these circuits do not make use of the material available for adults, youth, and children's Sunday School and half do not use the Makokorodzano booklets. Eighteen of the circuits replying do not make use of the catechism.

From this observation a number of conclusions are suggested. Wherein Methodism has been a community known for its use of the class meetings as well as being a community supporting the Sunday School programme, we as a church are not seeking to grow in wisdom and understanding as is made possible through a Christian Education programme. Perhaps part of the problem is due to distribution. Perhaps part of the problem is due to cost. And perhaps part of the problem is due to the material. However, if we are to face the issue realistically, the basic problem is due to lack of desire.

As we live during these days in Rhodesia, the pressures of life are upon us. There is the temptation to despair and in this situation we do not develop as people as we should. But to this situation we can respond and say "By the Grace of God we are people. We can grow in character." One of the great aids in such growth is by making use of the wisdom of the past, that revealed by God and seen in man, and by making use of the supportive fellowship and wisdom of people about us. The Sunday School programme and the class meetings serve to meet these needs.

Despite what may appear as a small percentage of the church making effective use of a Christian Education programme, some exciting observations have been made. For example, the Sunday School programme for youth at the Nyamuzuwe Centre illustrates what can be done when there is a deep desire. They make use of existing material. There is careful and creative planning. Good teaching techniques are used. Without a doubt, these young people are going to be blessed in their life because of this experience. Their characters are being formed for good which will help them stand and be counted as people of God.

Undoubtedly, in other sections of the Conference the same growth is taking place. For these instances we can rejoice.

As Methodists today let us remember our heritage. We should not be ashamed of organizing and of developing "methods". In the educational development of which our church has participated in the last seventy-five years, we have much of which to be proud. We can do the same in our Christian Education programme. What more challenging thing could we do than to shape character within our lives. To this end, it is most important to recognize that our "desire" is important. That "Street Called Desire" is a challenging road to accept.

A. LAY TRAINING (NORTH)

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called Sons of God." May God bless the preachers of the Word.

The Local Preachers and all the Church leaders are giving freely the means and ways of granting that peace to many lives. From the first days of Thomas Maxfield, the first Lay-Preacher in 1741, many men have taken up the challenge to be Lay-Preachers. The imperative was to let preachers preach even against the socio-political odds of the day.

I have endeavoured to meet the essential needs in training United Methodist lay-preachers. The most important areas of sermon construction, stewardship, and sermon presentation were covered in the lectures. I touched most of the areas in the Mrewa, Salisbury-Bulawayo, Mtoko and Nyadiri Districts.

As an essential part of the life of a good lay-preacher, good books must be read and I am in the process of revising the lay-preachers' hand-book "MUPARIDZI." As William Carey, the great missionary, once said, "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from him". I hope there is much to come as the fruit of the aspiring, dedicated preacher.

B. REPORT ON THE WORK IN TRAINING LOCAL PREACHERS AND OTHER LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS IN THE SOUTHERN SECTION

Another year of Conference activities is over and it is time to look back and consider the events that have taken place since we last met as a Board of Christian Education.

It now seems as if this part of the Conference activities has become well established within the life of the Church.

There seems to be a growing understanding of the significance of requiring training for the ones who are to preach the Word of God in the churches in our circuits. However, it should be said that the situation is far from satisfactory. We still find a lot of ignorance among our local preachers concerning their duties and responsibilities, and we find that the sense of responsibility for the spiritual well-being of our church members needs to be emphasised more than ever before among our Local Preachers and other local church leaders.

It is of great importance that we draw the attention of the Board of Ministry to the work of the Local Preachers in the local church. Up to the present moment it seems as if the position of the Local Preacher has become somewhat a status symbol. Therefore we find that the effectiveness of lay preaching has deteriorated. In the early years of our church in this country the situation may have been different. But as the situation is today, it is obvious that now is the time to make every effort in strengthening the position of the Local Preacher and making it a source of spiritual power. This can be done in several ways. First, stronger emphasis should be put on the teaching and instruction of the Local Preacher. Secondly, there should be a revision of the number of people who have received licences to preach. Far too many with far too little knowledge of their task are at present holders of Local Preachers' licences. In one circuit which I visited, I found that not less than 72 persons were licensed to preach in that circuit. One way of reducing the numbers is to enforce the ruling of the Conference that every Local Preacher must take his examinations before his Local Preacher's license is renewed at the District Conference.

This year I have been able to come around to the various circuits in the Southern Section of our Conference, and again I have enjoyed greatly the contact I have had with

the pastors and the leaders of each circuit. I have tried to concentrate my activities more on the circuit distant from the towns and mission centres so that they could have the benefit from the courses held. At the two special courses held for the training of laymen in Mtasa-Makoni and Umtali South Districts, I also had the opportunity of speaking to our lay people about the significance of lay preaching in our churches.

Besides the direct teaching of the Local Preachers and other leaders of the local churches I have been able to finish preparing a short commentary on St. Mark's Gospel. If means can be found, I hope to have it translated into Shona and printed for distribution among the Local Preachers. I also have under preparation a booklet, "Guidance for the Local Preacher", which is designed to help persons understand our Church organization, our United Methodist beliefs, and also to give directives for the work of the Local Preacher. As soon as time and means permit, this will be translated into Shona and if funds are available, distributed among our local church-leaders.

A stronger co-ordination of the extension workers of the Conference seems to be desired. In several places that I have visited there have been conflicts concerning dates for the different meetings, with the result that the attendance was rather poor. In fact, in one or two places courses had to be cancelled because of this. In the new year I hope that this can be avoided by better co-ordination. If it can be arranged that extension workers pool their resources and in this way cut down on some of their expenses, much would have been gained.

Let me, in conclusion, express a few thoughts in connection with the work among the Local Preachers and other lay people in our churches. We have as a church tremendous opportunities before us in the field of lay witnessing. May we as a church see this and ask God to pour out on us His Holy Spirit so that the living word of God may be brought to the many hungry and starving spirits in our churches. May God help us.

C. CONFERENCE YOUTH DIRECTOR

“Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done”.

This is particularly true as I look back over the past year, so full of varied problems and experiences, God has been so patient, so loving, so helpful in every time of need. I thank Him today for the lessons He has taught me, for the hard experiences, and pray that they may better help me to serve others. I wish to express my appreciation to my co-workers who toiled so efficiently and who shared with me the problems and joys in the field of youth work.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND REVIVALS

In the entire Conference, we had 293 young people won to Christ and his church during our revival meetings. We deeply thank all the guest speakers who took part in this struggle. 149 U.M.Y.F. members had Christian Marriages as was reported at last General Meeting.

As the Conference Youth Director, I conducted 11 Leadership Training Programmes besides the five district revival meetings. I was also a guest preacher and advisor in Mozambique where they had Conference Wide Youth Leadership Training at Bahule under the South East United Methodist Conference Church. All this training was geared to: Creating Leadership, Church Support, Stewardship, How to use Sunday School lessons, Courtship and Marriage, How to plan different programmes, Temperance lessons, Conducting meetings, Wholesome Recreation Hints, Marriage Preparations, Character building Hints, Spiritual uplift and the Methodist Church with its doctrines and beliefs.

The Conference Youth General Meeting showed much improvement on the matter of finance. The membership contribution system is proving to be the best way of raising money. However there is a great need of assistance on finance from local circuit Leadership. There is growth in duty participation in the life of the church. Most of the circuit youths are trying to support the church except seven or eight circuits. In general the relationship of youth

work and the pastorate is healthier than ever before. The following are suggestions to help move forward in assisting the young people.

- (1) Involving youth in the finance of the church.
- (2) Involving youth in the teaching of Sunday School and class meetings, provided they qualify.
- (3) addressing youth by themselves on certain delicate issues.
- (4) speaking to youth in their individual families.
- (5) involving youth in Evangelism.
- (6) giving youth advisors adequate knowledge to serve youth.
- (7) involving youth in circuit and district projects.
- (8) teaching youth the meaning of Christian Service.
- (9) Ministers where ever possible to attend all meetings of youth from circuit level to Conference level in order to strengthen youth in the field of our Lord.

RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN YOUTH WORK

- (1) that the Youth Emphasis month be May 1973.
- (2) that Conference Calendar be strictly followed as it guides the planning in the Conference.
- (3) we appreciate the work of R.R.W. at Nyakatsapa; we therefore urge them to consider establishing another school of that nature in the Northern Section of our Conference.
- (4) seeing the progress and fruitfulness of the work that is done by the M.R.I.D., we request that such kind of work be opened also in the Northern Section of our Conference.
- (5) we repeat that guidance must be given before a couple is married by any Pastor and therefore suggest that serious counselling between partners begin as soon as the Pastor knows about the relationship and that this counselling continue as long as Pastor thinks necessary.
- (6) that our High Schools have a Spiritual Emphasis week or weekend for our students once or twice a year and that a guest speaker be invited if possible.

- (7) the Conference accepted the operation of S.C.M. and S.U. in our High Schools. However we remind the students that U.M.Y.F. serves them before they go to High School and when they leave High Schools, so their identification with U.M.Y.F. is of great importance.

D. U.M.Y.F.

APPRECIATION

U.M.Y.F. gives thanks on Conference and District levels to the Speakers on the following topics: What of Music, What is expected of youth in the Society, Domestic Science, Prayer and the Bible, and Education and Self Support.

GENERAL MEETING

A successful General Annual Meeting was held at Nyamutumbu from the 8th to the 14th December 1972. Out of 48 Circuits 34 were represented and a total of 46 delegates made up the Conference. Special thanks is to be conveyed to all the Speakers who were able to clarify certain points on youth's work in both church and community. From the Speakers and other U.M.Y.F. leaders the Conference was able to formulate a written statement expressing its concern on the action taken by the Rhodesian Government on confiscating the Bishop's travelling documents. Copies were sent to "MOTO", "Rhodesia Herald" and "Umbowo".

RUPAWO

Like other organisations in our church U.M.Y.F. is improving in paying Rupawo. Each member subscribes 20c, and many of our circuits are managing to send their money to the Conference Treasurer.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1972 was a challenge especially during the days of the so called Settlement Proposals. We managed to send a delegation of six youths to represent the whole youth in Rhodesia before the Pearce Commission. The U.M.Y.F. now has a uniform which only the Full members put on

during revival meetings of our church organisation, Holy Communion time, Funerals and on Sundays. The type and design of this uniform applies to both girls and boys.

PROJECTS:

1. The General meeting pledged to buy a duplication machine to be used in the office of the Youth Director in the production of U.M.Y.F. materials.

2. The Local U.M.Y.F. shall buy a clock for the local church to be used on Sundays.

FINANCE

A total of \$100 will be paid to the Conference Treasurer in meeting the request for help from the Conference Minimum Salary Commission of our Conference. In the bank we have a blance of \$126,69½

ELECTIONS

At our General meeting we held elections and the following were chosen as the office bearers for the next two years.

PRESIDENT	Mr. Ernest Mupfunya
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. Muchayana Mutize
SECRETARY	Miss Deborah Chimonyo
PUBLICITY SECRETARY	Mr. Robert Maringanise
TREASURER	Mr. George Maramba
ADULT COUNCILLORS	Mrs. Joycelyn E. Jijita
	Mr. Naboth Gandanzara

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that:

1. The Catechism be reprinted in its present form, 2000 copies. The following will work on the revision—Dr. M. Johnson (convener), Revs. Chiza, Muziti, Mutamba, Muzulu, Leiknes and Dr. Taylor.

2. The Conference Programme Coordinator also follow up on action passed by Conference in Boards and Committees.

3. The following work on Adult Sunday School lessons which are badly needed: Rev. C. Miller (convener), S. Sanganza, M. Ball, J. Tsiga and Mr. G. Kambarami.

4. The booklet Rutungamiro Kumuparidzi be reprinted with the additional material prepared by Rev. Chiza for Local Preachers' use. The new booklet will be entitled "Muparidzi".

That of Dr. Culver—Muparidzi—also be reprinted but with a different cover.

5. The making of a syllabus for the Local Preachers be left to the Board on the Ministry.

6. Our High Schools and Secondary Schools place orders of Bibles through the Bible Society in Rhodesia/ or the Market Square Book Store. In this way we will pay less than when we buy from Book Centres; and also we will be indirectly contributing to the Society and its needs.

Morgan Johnson (Chairman)

Webster Mutamba (Secretary)

Christian Social Concerns

Our concern for people and their welfare is in keeping with our Christian principles and social principles as enunciated in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, Part III, para. 96, pages 52-66. Our Theological Basis states "The Methodist Church must view the perplexing times and problems which we face today in the light of the life and teachings of Jesus, who taught us to love our neighbours and seek justice for them, as well as ourselves. To be silent in the face of need, injustice and exploitation is to deny him." (page 53)

In the light of the above: -

1. We of the Christian Social Concerns Committee would like to applaud the wisdom and unity that was shown by all those who stood firm and rejected the Settlement Proposals. We would like to affirm our solidarity and support for the tremendous effort and sacrifice the A.N.C. is making in trying to work towards a Constitutional Conference. The A.N.C. has become the recognised spokesman of African aspirations. Furthermore this Com-

mittee would like to point out that our *NO* to the Settlement Proposals should never be reversed.

2. *CIVIL RIGHTS*

The Christian Social Concerns Committee is concerned about the ignorance that exists among our people about their civil rights and would urge our Conference and all its people to invite individuals who are well versed in civil rights to come and lecture to all Conference Ministers at their various Pastor Schools, to all leadership training conventions, to teachers, R.R.W. and Wabvuwi Conventions, U.M.Y.F. Conferences and indeed all our people. Seminars could be arranged to combat this evil.

The Christian Social Concerns Committee is further concerned about the lack of courtesy and respect in our own United Methodist hospitals, in shops and among civil servants.

3. *WITHDRAWAL OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS*

We of this committee recommend that this Conference set a committee to draft a statement deploring the action of the Government in withdrawing the Travel Documents of African Leaders and also urge the Government to restore these documents for the sake of good relationships. This committee also feels that provincialisation is the same thing as apartheid and that this Conference should make a statement making it clear that Africans will never accept it. It will be forced on them.

4. *THE "SITUPA" BILL*

This committee would like to reiterate what other organisations and societies have said that, the requirement of the production of the "Situpa" at every corner engenders feelings of hostility and urge the Government to rethink and withdraw it. We further deplore the restriction of the movement of African people within Rhodesia.

5. *BORDER INCIDENTS*

In recent weeks there have been a number of conflicts near the border of our country, resulting in the loss of life and damage to property. This tragedy is symbolic of the sick society in which we live in Rhodesia.

The basic question to be asked is why has there been such violence? Surely the root causes are found in the evil practices of racial discrimination creating fear and hate, thus, dividing peoples.

Whilst as a church we condemn violence, we must point out that violence is practised by those in authority every day, such as job discrimination, denial of human rights, personal insults and indignities. White Rhodesians for the most part do not feel the hurt daily inflicted on black Rhodesians. Until their eyes are opened, there can be little hope for peaceful progress in this our country. We pray that the long-awaited day of justice and harmony will come before the country drifts further towards the precipice of racial conflict.

6. *WANKIE DISASTER*

We wish to record our deepest sympathy for the relatives of the victims of the Wankie disaster. We are pleased to note that our church played a part along with other organisations in helping the bereaved families.

7. *DROUGHT*

We would like to draw the attention of the Conference to the fact that we might be faced with a bad season and lean harvest. We would like to urge Christian Social Concerns Committees to act when the situation arises, Action: -

(a) Collect things and give to indigent families.

(b) Work hand in hand with Christian Care. Where Christian Social Concerns Committees do not exist the pastor should see that they are instituted.

8. *NEWS*

This Committee recommends that we should encourage our people to listen in to as many stations on the radio as

possible as R.B.C. seems to avoid reporting some very interesting items or reports news with a slant, (with distortion) and news is censored.

9. We propose that Christian Social Concerns Week be the week starting Sunday the 26th of March, and ending 1st April.

Gaylord Kambarami (Chairman)

Herbert Katedza (Secretary)

Board of Communications and Publications

Meeting with Dr. Hess: On the 25th of August, 1972, the Board of Communications and Publications met with Dr. Doris Hess, the Secretary of Communications for the World Division. Dr. Hess gave to the Board some highlights of Communications programmes in other lands and emphasized the importance of keeping up with new techniques of communicating the Gospel. In Zambia she cited, the organization called Multi-Media, which makes use of radio, books, TV, audio-visual aids, and newspaper to communicate the Gospel. She also described the use of new media such as the flashlight projector and cassette tapes. Dr. Hess also discussed with the Board the problem of budget cuts and the importance of long-range planning.

Rhodesia Mission Press: The press manager, Mr. Caleb Zisengwe, reported the completion of the reprint of *Ngati-imbe Pamwe*. He reported that work is now underway for the reprinting of *Ngoma*. With regard to both of these reprints there was a large difference in the size of publication indicated by the Board of Communications and Publications and the size of the order which the Market Square Book-room was financially able to purchase. Following a discussion of the problem of financing publications, the Board passed the following motion:

The Board of Communications and Publications should have the power only to recommend the publication on a book, not to place an order, since the Board itself does not have the resources to finance publications.

The revolving book fund is now tied up in the production of the *Ngoma*. The need for building up the revolving book fund was discussed.

The manager also reported the printing of the new *Makokorodzano*, 3000 copies going to the Methodist Synod and 500 copies to the United Methodists. Other publications included a book entitled *Vatsvaki* for the United Church of Christ.

The reprinting of *Katekezima* is being held up for revision before reprint. The revision of this book was referred to the Christian Education Committee.

Market Square Bookroom: Dr. Hess helped obtain a scholarship from the Agency for Christian Literature Development in London for someone to train as a bookseller. Mr. Christopher Mushambi was approved for this training and is now employed at the Market Square Bookroom to gain experience in bookselling and bookstore management prior to taking up this study in England.

The manager of the Bookstore, Rev. Marcia Ball, was happy to report a net gain of \$145,00 during the period January through June of 1972. Dr. Hess reported that no other United Methodist bookstore in Africa could report that substantial a gain. Miss Ball also reported on the Friday night "coffee house" activity at the Bookroom as a means of communicating the Gospel to the Market Square community.

Umbowo: The editor, Rev. Micah Chinoda, reported to the August meeting of the Board shortly before his departure for a six-month preaching tour in the Detroit area. Dr. Hess suggested at this meeting that arrangements be made for Mr. Chinoda to visit the Methodist Church Editorial Board in Illinois and the Mennonite Press while in the United States.

The acting editor of *Umbowo*, Mr. Stanford Mukasa, reported to the January meeting that he had been encouraged by the esteem with which *Umbowo* is held in European countries, in the United States, and in a number of countries in Africa. Regretting that the circulation in Rhodesia has not yet exceeded the 4000 line, a major problem was felt to be that of distribution. Mr. Mukasa believed that it was the duty of every member of the United Methodist Church to support *Umbowo* through individual subscrip-

tions and to act as a promoter for the paper. He recommended that:

- (a) every minister act as *Umbowo* agent by selling it in his area.
- (b) headmasters encourage subscriptions from students. Mr. Peter Mudiwa of Mutambara was cited as an excellent example of a headmaster taking advantage of the bulk subscriptions plan.
- (c) and that all people engaged in our church institutions encourage their workers to subscribe to *Umbowo* and act as distributing agents.

Mr. Mukasa regretted that finances limited the paper to six pages, but hoped that increase in advertisements and subscriptions could eventually make it possible to have eight pages.

The editor was asked by the Board to look into the matter of the recent increase of overseas subscription rates. It was feared that this sudden increase in rate would bring about a serious drop in overseas subscriptions.

Since the committee appointed last year to investigate the possibilities of an ecumenical paper had not been able to meet and that some members of the committee would not return to the country for some months, a new committee was appointed consisting of the following members:

Mr. Everett Matzigkeit, Rev. J. Tsiga, and Rev. J. Gurure.

It is understood that the editor of *Umbowo* is also to be a member of this committee in an ex-officio capacity.

Webster Mutamba (Chairman)
Morgan Johnson (Secretary)

Conference Assessments

The Budget Committee of BOFAC Recommends the Following to be the Amount set for *Conference Assessments* for the Period of January 1973-December 31st, 1973.

Item or Purpose	Amount in R\$
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CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS:

Episcopal Fund support	500
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General Conf. Admini.	40
Conf. Admini. & Conf. Treasurer	250
Central Conference Travel	400
Conf. Secretarial Expenses	40
Conference Reports	100
Moving of Ministers	750
Minister: Conf. Food & Travel	540
Travel: Conf. Lay Leader	150
Travel: Fraternal Delegates	50
Salaries: Dis. Superintendents	4 574
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Conference Assessment	\$7 394
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BALANCES HELD BY CONFERENCE TREASURER:
CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Church Extension	104
Lay Training North	474
Lay Training South	57
Conf. Stewardship	421
Evangelism	137
Pastors' Travel	108
Temperance	165
Conf. Support Fund	776
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 724
EDUCATION

Conf. School Managers Fund	2 241
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MEDICAL

Dental Work, Umtali	49
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Bal. held by Conf. Treas- Total	5 259
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MEDICAL (cont.)

Dental Work, Umtali	
Held in Standard Bank, Umtali	147

BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget category	Local Sources	Bd. of Miss. APP.	TOTALS
CHURCH DEVELOPMENT	2 245	18 736	20 981
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	724	4 200	4 924
MINISTRY TO WOMEN		133	133
EDUCATION	2 241	16 533	18 774
MEDICAL	196	31 266	31 462
SOCIAL ECON. & INDUST.		8 066	8 066
AGRICULTURAL, RURAL		1 200	1 200
LIT. & COMMUNICATIONS		2 666	2 666
ADMINISTRATION		10 533	10 533
	5 406	93 333	98 739
CO-OPERATIVE PROJECTS (EPWORTH THEOL. COLLEGE)		8 666	8 666
FINAL TOTALS		101 999	107 405
CHURCH DEVELOPMENT			18 736
Districts (5x1 400)	7 000		
Church Assistance (Assess.)	7 394		
Church Ext. (Past. supp.)	3 700		
Pastors' Travel	1 772		
Stewardship	200		
Evangelism	1 730		
Lay Training Schools	600		
Lay Training —North	1 270		
Lay Training —South	316		
Pastors' School	500		
Church Music Service	150		
Pension	1 336		
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	25 968		
Balance held by Conf. Treas.			2245
Amount not covered (deficit)			4987
CHURCH DEVEL. TOTALS		25 968	25 968
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		4 200
Director	120	
Ministry to Youth	1 860	
Rusape C.E.	864	
Umtali C.E.	60	
Bulawayo C.E.	720	
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	3 624	
Not assigned	1 300	
Balances held by Conf. Treas.		724
CHRISTIAN EDU. TOTALS	4 924	4 924
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MINISTRY TO WOMEN	133	133
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MEDICAL		31 266
Nyadiri Hospital	17 000	
Old Umtali Hospital	4 026	
Mutambara Hospital	10 000	
Dental work	396	
Medical Secretary	40	
	31 462	
Balance Dental work		49
Held by Conf. Treas.		
Balance Dental work Umtali (In Standard B., Umtali)		147
MEDICAL WORK TOTALS	31 462	31 462

EDUCATION:

Below are the recommended Education budgets for 1973. They are based on the following notes:

1. The expected income is R\$16 533.
2. The recommendation is for block grants to Headmasters/Principals to used for boardings, classes, administration.

3. The recommended block grants are based on:
 - (a) \$310 for each secondary class.
 - (a) \$500 for each T.T. and unaided secondary class.
 - (c) \$440 for each junior secondary class.
4. Expenses for T.T. are more per class because of increased travel for student teaching plus apparatus expenses.
5. The unaided secondary at Nyadiri closes at the end of 1973. It does not receive any other aid.
6. The junior secondary will have increased boarding grants but will also have the increased costs of housing and transport for girls at Mutambara.
7. The budget of the Education Secretary has been reduced from \$450 to \$350 and taken from the administration category and placed under Education where it belongs.

EDUCATION BUDGETS RECOMMENDED FOR 1973

			16 533
Nyamuzuwe High School (8 classes)	2 480		
Nyadiri T.T. & High Sch. (5 classes)	2 500		
Mrewa High School (8 classes)	2 480		
Hartzell High School (11 classes)	3 410		
Mutambara High School (10 classes)	3 100		
Sunnyside Jr. Sec. Sch. (4 classes)	1 760		
Education Secretary	390		
	Total	16 120	
Not assigned		413	
	Total	16 533	16 533
Balance held by Conf. Treasurer:	2 241		
Conf. School Managers Fund			

SOCIAL ECONOMIC INDUSTRIAL 8 066

African Girls' Hostel, Umtali	700
Christian Social Centre, Sakubva	4 332
Christian Social Centre, Rusape	100

Nyamuzuwe Maintenance	400
Nyadiri Maintenance	500
Mrewa Maintenance	500
Old Umtali Maintenance	500
Mutambara Maintenance	500

7 532

Special budget Mutambara Farm

534

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AGRICULTURAL—RURAL:

1 200

Land Agent North 200

Land Agent South 200

Conference Ranching 800

Totals

1 200

1 200

LITERATURE & COMMUNICATIONS

ADMINISTRATION:

10 533

Administrative Office Sby. 5 928

Administrative Contingency 400

Taxes & Insurance 800

Old Umtali Central Office 700

Mutambara Central Office 350

Centre Chairmen Allowances 490

BOFAC Secretarial Expenses 125

Conference Journal 280

Travel to Meetings 760

Conference Audit 600

Promotion & Publicity

10 533

10 533

CO-OPERATIVE PROJECTS		8 666
Epworth Theological College	8 666	
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	8 666	8 666

SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Unused balance in Conference		
Health, Home & Family Extension, held by Conf.		
Treasurer		603,85
Proposed use as follows:		
Grant to Christian Centre, Sakubva	100,00	
Loan to Mutambara Farm	503,85	
Repayment of loan to start Jan. 1975		
Minimum payments \$10,00 per month		
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	603,85	603,85

ARCHIVES:

We recommend that the archivist be employed in part time capacity at Old Umtali Centre.

Credit Union

Rev. Kanonunhwa, the past Chairman, read a report of the first meeting, held in April 1970, by a special study committee appointed by BOFAC in November 1965.

The findings of this committee, which appear in a report in the 1971 Conference Journal, indicate that no dynamic attention and action was given to this report by the Conference, probably because the report was given at the end of the Conference Sessions. But a good start has already been made with success in the Umtali South and Mtasa-Makoni Districts.

The committee strongly feels that it is our job (pastors and lay delegates) to go about selling this idea to our members, and that relevant knowledge and skills be taught

to our pastors at their refresher courses.

1. We request the district organizations, i.e., District Conference, R.R.W., Vabvuwi, and U.M.Y.F., to give a chance to a speaker to explain the value and the need for starting Savings Clubs, at their annual meetings.

2. We ask for permission from the Conference that the Credit Union Committee be allowed to meet once this year in April.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that ministers and lay leaders for circuits invite the Rural Development Committees (North and South) to visit their women's clubs or R.R.W. societies to explain the starting of savings clubs and development of credit unions.

Everett Matzigkeit (Chairman)

Jeremiah Chitauro (Secretary)

Deaconess Committee

Mrs. Rosemary Chidzikwe was elected as chairwoman.

We are pleased to note the continued service rendered by our deaconesses, Mrs. Edith Samudzimu and Dorcas Chinofukutwa. We are pleased with the work being done by Mrs. Martha Mukangara. Again they reported a year full of church activities as they led in children's work, class meetings, Right of Entry (Scripture classes in Government Schools) Recreation, home and hospital visitations, comforting the sorrowing, and preaching.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend Mrs. Martha Mukangara for consecration as deaconess at this conference.

2. We strongly recommend the training of more women for the Ministry.

3. We recommend that the length of the period of trial before consecration be two consecutive years.

4. We recommend that a salary scale be fixed.

Rosemary Chidzikwe (Chairwoman)

Dorcas Chinofukutwa (Secretary)

Ecumenical Relations

The following officers were chosen: Chairman—Darrell Huddleston, Vice-Chairman—L. Nyanungo, Secretary— J. Kaemmer.

During 1972 the relationships with our sister churches continued much the same as the year before; that is, no progress in talks for unity, but at the same time significant areas of interdenominational cooperation existed.

Unity Talks: Rev. Mudzengerere reported attending the National Church Unity Talks. There was little progress made, but a meeting is to be held again in February of this year. Unity talks with the United Churches of Christ and the Methodist Synod are reported to be at a standstill.

International Cooperation:

(a) Joint church buildings. The joint church building with the Synod at Dziwaresekwa was completed, and dedicated at an impressive joint ceremony. Discussion is going forward at Tafara on a joint building with the Anglicans. At Kambuzuma the Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ has expressed interest in joining with us in a joint building project. In Gwelo we plan to build on a site in Mkoba, as was our original agreement with the U.C.C. This new building could be available for the U.C.C., as we would likewise expect the use of their building in Mkoba Township. We have pledged \$8000,00 to a project of Joint Action Bulawayo for building a Church Centre in that city in cooperation with five other denominations.

(b) Joint pastorates. We entered into an agreement for a joint pastorate with the U.C.C. at Gwelo, at first under Rev. Philemon Mlambo. He was withdrawn because he was not properly supported by the people. We have appointed Rev. L. Dikito to that church, and the U.C.C. have assured us that when they have paid the debt to the former pastor they will joint us in support of Rev. Dikito.

(c) Our church cooperated with other churches at a Conference of Mission Farm Managers at Driefoutein Mission in June. Later a similar conference on Rural Development was held at the University.

(d) Our church sent personnel to Wankie and cooperat-

ed with other churches in ministering to the bereaved at the time of the mine disaster.

(e) It is significant that for the first time we are holding Conference at a Roman Catholic centre and that a personal representative of Archbishop Marskall came to greet us. We are pleased at the invitation extended to Bishop Muzorewa to attend a meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference. The visit of Bishop Burrough of the Anglican diocese of Mashonaland contributed to good relationships with that church.

(f) We wish to call attention to numerous ecumenical projects which are not new, but are of continued importance.

(1) Epworth Theological College.

(2) Maranke Junior Secondary School.

(3) Churches' College, a joint T.T. college projected for Salisbury.

(4) United Teachers' College in Bulawayo, in which we are now taking a more active part since Dr. Kalso was seconded to the staff there.

(5) "Butcher Shop in the Backyard" at Old Umtali which has attracted the interest of people in many churches.

(6) Cooperation with the UCCSA for the work in Botswana.

(g) Beira Committee. Last year no one from Rhodesia attended the meeting of the Beira Committee because the notices arrived after the meeting was over. No minutes of the meeting have been received.

(h) Ecumenical Arts Association Workshop. The Ecumenical Arts Workshop was held at Luveve Secondary School in May 1972. The following attended in the various Arts, namely:

Music participants	65
Art participants	23
Writing participants	23
Drama participants	33

Total	144
Staff	25
Total	169

The theme of the workshop was "A New Man in Christ" and this was well carried out in the Workshop's activities.

We were able to meet our financial commitments at the Workshop due to various donations which were offered to the Association. We still appeal for continued support.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 21st October, 1972, at Trinity Methodist Church, Salisbury.

The following members were elected to the Executive: Chairman— Mr. Olle Axelsson, Vice-Chairman— Patrick Matsikenyiri, Secretary— Rev. John E. Kaemmer, Treasurer— Dr. Eleanor Coutts.

Arts Workshop: Mr. P. Matsikenyiri was re-elected to be Director for another term of office, 1973-74. The leaders chosen for the various groups were:

Music: Rev. J.E. Kaemmer (U.M.C.)

Art: Dr. M. Johnson (U.M.C.)

Writing: Mr. Bennet (from Kitwe, Zambia)

Drama: Fr. D. Pierce (Anglican)

The Arts Workshop is going to be held at Old Umtali April the 30th to 6th May, 1973.

We appeal to the Leaders of our church to encourage as many participants as possible to attend.

Rev. Ovid Stine is to be commended for taking the effort to send two of his staff members from Maun Secondary School to the Workshop.

Also Mr. Makunike is to be commended for sending us one instructor in Art.

Those who attended benefitted greatly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that two fraternal delegates, a minister and a layman, be sent to visit the Synod of the Methodist Church (U.K.) meeting in Bulawayo this week. We

suggest the names of Rev. L. Nyanungo and Mr. Bill Finster, Mr. E. Matzigkeit as alternate.

2. We recommend for fraternal delegates to the Methodist Synod in 1974: O. Musuka, J. Kaemmer, Mrs. S. Munjoma and the U.M.Y.F. President.

3. For fraternal delegates to the Conference of the United Church of Christ we recommend F. Kadenge and Mr. M. Mataranyika, with P. Matsikeniyiri as alternate.

4. We recommend the following for delegates to the

Christian Council of Rhodesia:

Delegates:

Bishop A. Muzorewa

M. Culver

T. Curtis

I. Musamba

N. Dikanifuwa

Mrs. Beatrice Mutasa

Alternates:

D. Mudzengerere

N. Thomas

J. Nderere

Olivia Mukuna

M. Chinoda

5. We recommend as our delegation to Church Unity Talks: Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, Maurice Culver, David Mudzengerere, Davidson Sadza, Josiah Chidzikwe, Norman Thomas, Alternates: Darrell Huddleston, Mrs. M. Mudzengerere, Mr. William Marima, and Mr. Matthew Mataranyika.

6. For Management of the Salisbury Girls' Hostel we recommend replacing Miriam Chiza and naming Ellen Miller.

7. We recommend as Delegates to the Ecumenical Arts Association: H. Katedza, M. Johnson, J. Kaemmer, P. Matsikeniyiri, Alternates: I. Jemwa and P. Ngorima.

8. We recommend that Rev. K. Choto be our representative to the Beira Committee. Alternate Rev. M. Ball.

9. We wish to assure the United Church of Christ that we are still interested in continuing the unity talks with them when they feel they would like to do so.

10. We regret the absence of fraternal delegates from the Methodist Synod for the last three years, and hope to receive them in the future. We feel that meetings of the Joint Methodist Council should be resumed to discuss matters of mutual cooperation, such as exchanging pulpits and

even exchanging personnel on a more permanent basis. To represent our church at this council we suggest the Salisbury-Bulawayo District Superintendent, Martin Chiza, Arthur Kanonuhwa, I. Musamba, Nason Kaseke, Mrs. Mangate and the Conference U.M.Y.F. president. We ask the Bishop to appoint additional members if necessary.

11. We request BOFAC to authorize annually the membership fees for our church in the Ecumenical Arts Association. At the present time this is \$24 per year.

Board of Education

1. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

(a) Vocational Technical Secondary School

Last year the Board of Education recommended asking the Board of Missions for approval to raise up to \$120 000. to help construct an ecumenical vocational — technical secondary school in Salisbury area. This Board is sorry to report that no funds have been made available yet and that no report has come to us from the Committee working on the project. However, the Board of Education recommends that Mr. E. Matzigkeit be a member of the Ecumenical Committee on Vocational-technical education so that we continue to get reports on the work.

(b) Adult Education:

On January 5, 1972, Conference recommended that the Board of Education consider the task of Adult Education and other aspects of creating non-institutional education which the church can sponsor and co-operate with the Christian Council in the studies they are making and the programmes they are suggesting. We are sorry to report that nothing has been done so far but we encourage local centres to embark on any aspect of adult education they can. The matter of finances and administration should be left to the local community. Mr. I. Jemwa was asked by the Board of Education to collect information regarding Adult Education from Mr. G. A. Smith and Mrs. B. Hammar of the University of Rhodesia, Miss A. Sanderson, and

Christian Care Rural Development Committee. The information should be made available to all our mission centres.

2. *Sixth Form 1974:*

The Chief Education Officer's Circular minute No. 27 of 1972 dated 14th November, asks for bids for a new sixth form class starting in January, 1974. A written application should be made, in our case, by the Education Secretary to reach that office not later than 28th February 1973. In view of the announcement made above, the Board of Education recommends that Mrewa High School be submitted as our first choice for an aided lower sixth form class in January, 1974, and that Hartzell High School be the alternate.

3. *Nyadiri Centre Schools:*

We take note of the resolution from the Nyadiri Quarterly Conference which requests conference to run the unaided Secondary School up to Form IV level, but, in the light of the difficulties involved in running an unaided secondary school, we accept BOFAC action of September 22-23, 1972. The report reads as follows: "Approval proposal that no Form I will be taken at Nyadiri secondary School in 1973 and the Form II continue until end of 1973, but request an additional class to be taken in at Nyadiri Teacher Training beginning in January, 1973. Education Secretary to communicate this proposal to the Ministry." It is reported by our Education Secretary that permission has been granted by the Ministry of Education, Division of African Education, for the opening of a second T3 stream.

Furthermore we reaffirm our 1972 decision that:

(i) The Nyadiri T.T. can be replaced by an aided Senior Secondary School and Nyadiri T.T. can be joined into a United T.T. College.

(ii) If it is not possible to join a United T.T. then we would wish to combine an aided Senior Secondary School and a T.T. at Nyadiri.

4. *Sunnyside:*

It was brought to our attention by our Education Secretary that Sunnyside Secondary School is short of dormitory space for girls so that they will have to be accommodated temporarily at Mutambara Centre. That means the girls will walk 3 miles every day to school. No money has been made available for the construction of a new dormitory. BOFAC is handling the situation as best they can.

5. *Primary Schools on Mission Land:*

According to the previous ruling by the Ministry of Education in 1967 and 1969, it was made clear that missions could not open new schools in Tribal Trust Purchase Areas or European Areas after January 1, 1972, without approval of the local government body (council) and without the schools being placed on an unaided status until the Ministry approved their being aided. It would not be possible for us to carry teachers' salaries in full and other expenses pending a decision by the Ministry.

The Board of Education which met at Arnoldine, June 24, 1972 recommended the following steps to Annual Conference through BOFAC:

(a) Keep the above schools under the direction of locally formed school committees as has been done in 1971 and 1972:

(b) Change the Constitution for the committees to:-

(1) At least two thirds of the members of a local committee must be members of the United Methodist Church;

(2) The Local Committee shall have 9 elected members plus the Pastor, the D.S. and the Education Secretary;

(3) The Headmaster shall be an ex-officio member of the committee;

(4) Provision for one-third of the members to be retired each year shall be dropped.

(c) The following shall be recommended for school Managers:

1. Dindi, Chikwizo and Mtoko: Rev. J. Bisby.

2. Nyadiri C.P.S.: Mr. J. Makawa.
3. Mrewa C.P.S.: Mr. A. Chibanguza.
4. Arnoldine, Glenada, Hartzell, Nyakatsapa and Mutambara: Education Secretary.
Josiah Njagu (Chairman)
James Makawa (Secretary)

Report of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church 1972

Bishop and members of the Rhodesia Annual Conference, we your delegates to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church fail to find words to express our appreciation for being chosen to represent you at the important meeting. It is a great honour to be chosen to represent a group of people such as this Annual Conference. We feel we do not deserve such an honour, so we wish to express our gratitude to you all for this opportunity we have had.

We certainly have had great experiences and we shall never be the same. We have been exposed to various changes and we feel we have been educated. It is educational to see and live with free people, to see how the church is run in other countries and to see the new development which is taking place in the world around us. All this we owe to you and to those people who took care of us over there and to Bishop Muzorewa of whom we feel so proud while there.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA U.S.A.— Taking its agenda both from the world it seeks to serve and the Christian Gospel it proclaims, the 1972 quadrennial General Conference of The United Methodist Church completed a wide—ranging body of legislation in its two-week meeting here.

During sessions at the Atlanta Civic Centre the 1,000 lay and clergy delegates—ADOPTED, almost unanimously, a new formulation of Christian doctrine that sets as basic guideposts for Christian belief, Scripture, Christian tradition, experience and reason.

HAMMERED OUT a comprehensive statement for social principles designed to help church members apply the

principles of their faith to the day-to-day problems of living.

CONDEMNED continued U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war, called for an immediate end to all U.S. bombing in Indochina and asked both Hanoi and the United States to agree to an immediate release of all prisoners of war.

EMBRACED the Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples, which asks each of the denomination's 78 annual Conferences to develop programmes that will contribute to world peace during the upcoming quadrennium.

AUTHORIZED United Methodist boards and agencies to use the power of their investment portfolios to try to dissuade American corporations from producing weaponry—particularly that used in the Indochina air war.

PIN-POINTED Southern Africa — Rhodesia, South Africa, Namibia, Angola, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau—as areas of special concern, and urged disengagement from Americans concerns doing business in those areas.

BACKED UP the struggles for justice of Rhodesia's black majority—dramatically detailed by Rhodesian Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa—by calling for repeal of the Byrw amendment which makes possible the purchase of chrome ore from Rhodesia.

ESTABLISHED a 43 - member Commission on the Status and Role of Women to work for fuller participation of women in decision making roles in the Church of which they make up 54 per cent of the membership.

ADOPTED a general administrative and programme budget of \$47.8 million a year for the 1973-77 quadrennium—an increase of approximately \$8.3 million more than was budgeted annually during the past quadrennium.

earmarked in the benevolence fund, \$23.5 million of the Annual benevolence budget figure for World Service (denomination's basic programme fund); \$6 million for for the 12 black colleges related to the church; \$10 million for ministerial education; \$1 million for interdenominational cooperation.

REJOICED in reports the denomination had raised an

extra \$12 million over the past four years through the Fund for Reconciliation, for projects designed to help heal broken relationships among people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

SET a mandatory date—no later than July 1, 1973—for the end of the four remaining segregated annual (regional) conferences. Affected are the black conferences of Central Alabama, Upper Mississippi and Southwest and the contiguous white conferences of North Alabama, Alabama-West Florida, North Mississippi, Mississippi, Little Rock, North Arkansas and Oklahoma. Previous injunctions to integrate annual conferences had been on a voluntary basis.

ADOPTED a plan that will permit each regional unit and individual congregation to “do its own thing” in developing programmes and priorities for mission.

COMMENDED the United Methodist Board of Evangelism for its leadership in the multi-denominational evangelistic effort, “Key ‘73”, in which 30 denominations and evangelism groups are participating.

EXCHANGED greetings and expressions of Christian love and regard with Evangelist Billy Graham after one delegate, the Rev. Dr. Richard Pittenger, had criticised Dr. Graham in floor debate for the evangelists’s alleged failure to include broad social concern in his ministry.

HEARD Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, in the opening Episcopal Address, point to the decline of Christian belief throughout American society as “the deepest concern” confronting the church today.

SEATED, for the first time Indian American United Methodists. As representatives of the provisional Oklahoma Indian Conference, they had voice but no vote. Also seated with voice but no vote were ten youth delegates ranging in age from 17 to 21 years.

OPENED the way for new patterns of relationships with sister-churches overseas by authorizing agreements that could provide the possible exchange of voting delegates between counterpart legislative bodies.

REORGANIZED the national structure of the church to include a Council on Ministries, a Council on Finance and

Administration, a Board of Pensions, a Board of Publication; programme boards on Church and Society, Discipleship, Global Ministries and Higher Education and Ministry; Commissions on Religion and Race, Status of Women and Archives and History, and a Joint Committee on Communication.

ENDORSED a proposal for dialogue with the Jewish communities—a dialogue that specifically disavows conversion as an objective.

CONTINUED participation in the nine denomination Consultation on Church Union and membership in both the National and World Councils of Churches.

SUPPORTED busing of school children for purposes of racial balance in public schools.

INITIATED a constitutional amendment aimed at equalizing the representation of clergy and lay members in annual conferences.

DIRECTED all personnel recruitment agencies, seminaries and church agencies to set guidelines and policies directed toward “recruitment training and full utilization of women in the pastoral and related ministries.”

AMENDED Church rules to allow the possibility of a “worker-priest” assignment. The change will allow a ministerial Conference member to be appointed to secular employment “beyond the ministries usually extended through the local church and its institutions.”

The most controversial of any actions taken by the law-making body of United Methodism was the Statement of Social Principles. Basic work in preparation of the statement was done by a commission, appointed to the task by the 1968 General Conference.

The statement brackets marijuana (dagga or mbanje) with alcohol in discouraging the use of both; applauds the efforts of racial and ethnic minorities to “demand their just and equal rights as members of society”; upholds the “right of every person to die in dignity . . . without efforts to prolong terminal illnesses merely because the technology is available”; and supports “world-wide distribution of contraceptive information and devices” in order

to produce a “stable population and balanced ecology.”

In essence, the body reaffirmed its 1968 support for civil disobedience in recognizing “the right of individuals to dissent, when acting under the constraint of conscience and after exhausting all legal recourse, (and) to disobey laws deemed to be unjust”.

While Methodist tradition has long recognized the rights of conscientious objection to war, the statement adopted here approved, for the first time the principle of selective conscientious objection—the refusal to serve in a particular war.

Board of Lay Activities

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We appreciate the work that is being done at Nyakatsapa by the Rukwadzano RweVadzimai. As a vote of confidence in the women’s work in the Conference, we request them to start working towards opening another girls’ school, similar to that at Nyakatsapa, in the North.

2. We are concerned about the negligence of some of our people in supporting the church, we therefore recommend that after warning the members who are not supporting the church or paying their offerings, their names should be publicized in one way or another.

3. All people in our Mission Centres are supposed to be ministered to by our pastors in one way or another regardless of their affiliation with our denomination. We therefore recommend that they should all contribute something towards the church that has a pastor that serves them. If necessary, some form of agreement should be signed at the undertaking of a job in the Mission Centres.

4. We again request the Board of Education to investigate the possibility of opening practical secondary schools in our Conference Mission Fords.

5. Nominations for Conference Lay Leader:

(a) Mr. W. F. Marima

(b) Mr. M. Mataranyika

William Marima (Chairman)
Lazarus Mandizha (Secretary)

Conference Lay Leader

Brothers and sister in Christ let me again thank all of you who elected me to be one of the delegates to General Conference of 1972 which was held in Atlanta, Georgia. I tried my level best to represent you well. I brought home with me only those items I felt could be used in Rhodesia. I am sure that I shall share these wonderful experiences with you in districts, circuits and churches. I had both my eyes and ears open when I left the country. I shall be waiting for invitations from you this year.

VISITATIONS

Since the last Annual Conference I have visited the following places and meetings:

1. District Conferences
2. Some Circuits and Local Churches
3. Youth Meetings or Conferences
4. R.R.W. Meetings
5. M.M.C. Meetings
6. All Annual Conference Committees which met
7. General Conference in the U.S.A.
8. Central Conference in Malawi
9. The BOLA Executive at Macheke
10. November 17-19 Lay Training, Salisbury-Bulawayo District
11. November 24-26 Lay Training, Mtasa-Makoni District
12. December 1-3 Lay Training, Mtoko-Nyadiri District
13. December 8-10 Lay Training, Mrewa District
14. December 15-17 Lay Training, Umtali South District

On behalf of the BOLA Executive and all laity let me thank all members who participated in the 1972 Lay Training. Let me again thank BOFAC for financing these Lay training programmes. They were both a school and a revival to us all.

LAY ACTIVITIES

The five districts are made up of laity. There are some laity who are active and others who are not but they are all laity.

SALISBURY - BULAWAYO DISTRICT No. 1

Mr. I. Musamba is the Lay Leader of this district. The laity of this district aim high always. The relationship between laity and clergy is really wonderful. The whole district is one team. The District Finance Committee is well organized and is doing a task well.

The Lay Training was conducted methodically and systematically as they courageously overcame certain difficulties.

The R.R.W., M.M.C. U.M.Y.F. and Christian Education groups of this district are very strong indeed.

The Laity has prayers in different houses which helped to make their membership grow. This District has a clear vision and their actions speak louder than words.

See how they stand financially:

	BUDGET	PAID	BAL. DUE
Highfield Circuit	689,00	689,00	
Mabvuku Circuit	803,00	803,00	
Mangula Circuit	609,00	609,00	
Bulawayo Circuit	847,00	847,00	
Harare Circuit	1067,00	1067,00	
Mufakose Circuit	737,00	737,00	
100% Total	4752,00	4752,00	

MTASA - MAKONI DISTRICT No. 2

This District is under the leadership of Mr. N. Ganda-nzara. He visited most of his weak circuits and local churches. This district has some visiting teams which will visit some weak circuits on behalf of the District Finance Committee, and the District Lay Leader.

The District Lay Leader, Circuit and Church Lay Leaders work together as one team. The relationship between the laity and the clergy is surely wonderful as they always work closely together. I wish that you could have attended their 1972 Lay Training. This was one of the best lay schools that they had ever had. It was a school and re-vival at the same time.

Christian Education, R.R.W., M.C.M., U.M.Y.F. and other groups are doing well. What a wonderful work the Youth Director is doing for the youth of our whole Conference!

There are three circuits which had failed this district this 1973. They need our prayers and some encouragement. I am sure that they will do better in 1973. However see how they stand financially.

	BUDGET PAID		BAL. DUE
Ehnes Memorial Church	1177,00	1177,00	
Rupinda Circuit	594,00	594,00	
Chiduku South	781,00	781,00	
Gandanzara Circuit	620,00	620,00	
Chiduku North	594,00	594,00	
Makoni Circuit	935,00	935,00	
Inyanga Circuit	616,00	616,00	
Mundeda Circuit	649,00	617,75	31,25
Nyakatsapa Circuit	660,00	660,00	
Rusape Chizawana	660,00	560,00	100,00
Honde Valley	649,00	556,56	92,44
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98% Total	7935,00	7711,31	223,69
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UMTALI SOUTH DISTRICT No. 3

Mr. M. Mataranyika is the District Lay Leader of this District. He is leading the laity in a lively and active way which is bringing much improvement in their work and methods. I wish that you had been with me at their Lay Training programme where they conducted it methodically and systematically.

The Lay Leader and Circuit Lay Leaders as well as the Church lay leaders work together as a team. The District Lay Leader visited his circuits and some local churches to help them. The laity had some training programmes on a circuit-basis

The Finance Committee of this District is very strong and all the Conference items went through. This is the only District which had paid the Conference assesement

almost in full. The relationship between the laity and the clergy is wonderful. All church societies such as R.R.W., M.C.M. and U.M.Y.F. are strong indeed. There is only one circuit which failed them this 1973. I know with our encouragement they will do better in 1973. See how active they are financially.

	BUDGET PAID		BAL. DUE
Marange West	390,00	390,00	
Mutambara West	564,00	564,00	
Marange North	781,00	781,00	
Zimunya North	858,00	858,00	
Mutambara East	583,00	583,00	
Zimunya South	804,00	804,00	
Marange Central	751,00	751,00	
Hilltop Circuit	1534,00	1534,00	
Mutambara Centre	781,00	781,00	
Marange South	561,00	561,00	
Mutambara South	1020,00	722,00	298,00
97% Total	8627,00	8329,00	298,00

MREWA DISTRICT No. 4

Mr. B. Chikoore is the District Lay Leader of this wonderful district—the district of laity in action. The church is growing like lilies. The Lay Leader conducted some lay training meetings to train all his leaders who are prepared to learn. The District Lay Leader, Circuit Lay Leaders and Church Lay Leaders work as one team.

If you want to see a well organized committee, visit Mrewa District Finance Committee. The relationship between the clergy and the laity is wonderful. The church groups such as R.R.W., M.M.C., and U.M.Y.F. are very strong indeed. I have mentioned already that there are some active and some non-active laity in these five districts so in this district there are five circuits which failed this district in 1973. These circuits need Conference help and our prayers. Some of these circuits are always hit by

drought. They have no chance each year. Let us aid them financially. I really wish that you had come to their Lay Training programme as it was also a school and revival. See how they are financially.

	BUDGET PAID		BAL. DUE
Chikore - Tanda	935,00	794,00	140,91
Headlands Circuit	605,00	523,00	81,85
Nhowe Circuit	660,00	314,19	345,81
Mrewa North Circuit	858,00	858,00	
Mrewa East Circuit	935,00	935,00	
Mrewa South Circuit	605,00	605,00	
Maramba - Pfungwe	605,00	605,00	
Uzumba Circuit	850,00	751,97	98,03
Howard Memorial	891,00	891,00	
Mrewa West Circuit	935,00	622,00	313,00
88% Total	7879,00	6899,40	979,60

MTOKO - NYADIRI DISTRICT No. 5

Mr. T. Gwati is the Lay Leader of this District. Surely you know some of the difficulties which are in their district. They need our prayers and aid financially. This is the district which has laity full of life and they like to learn new ideas.

It is wonderful to see the way they come to all meetings called for. This district has some youth which saw vision in giving and they had introduced three kinds of books to help them to understand better the finances of the church. The R.R.W. and the M.C.M. are also strong.

The District Lay Leader conducted some meetings to help train his leaders. He visited some circuits and local churches to aid them in their church problems. There are a good number of circuits in this district which need some encouragement in church support. There are some circuits which have some laity who have forgotten their responsibilities. I am now talking as a layman to other laity. We must not forget our promises we made that

day. The laity of this district should work harder than this. The shepherd must not suffer during our leadership. I am sure that as laity we will do our very best to see that the church lives. See here *seven* circuits which failed the other laity of the District financially.

	BUDGET PAID		BAL. DUE
Chikwizo Circuit	528,00	432,27	95,73
Dendera Circuit	550,00	550,00	
Mtoko East Circuit	935,00	692,35	242,65
Mtoko North Circuit	550,00	307,99	242,01
Mtoko South Circuit	935,00	566,26	368,74
Mtoko West Circuit	935,00	590,61	344,39
Nyadiri Circuit	935,00	605,85	328,15
Nyadiri Centre	935,00	935,00	
Nyamuzuwe Circuit	935,00	537,06	397,94
76% Total	7238,00	5217,39	2020,61

Progress of each District for seven years:

	From 1966 — 1972						
MTASA-MAKONI	79	88	97	91	93	100	98%
MREWA DISTRICT	64	82	87	89	77	91	88%
MTOKO-NYADIRI	66	80	64	94	83	74	76%
SALISBURY-BYO	—	—	—	91	91	93	100%
UTALI SOUTH	68	87	87	97	83	86	97%
CONFERENCE	69	84	84	93	85	86	92%

THE PAST QUADRENNIUM		—1969 —1972:
1. Mtasa-Makoni District	95½%	
2. Salisbury - Bulawayo	92%	
3. Umtali South District	91%	
4. Mrewa District	84%	
5. Mtoko-Nyadiri District	82%	
Conference	89%	

SUGGESTIONS FROM MY OBSERVATIONS:

1. An up to date organization is needed by every leader. Where there is lack of organization all things go bad.
2. A good and sound relationship is one of the key notes to our good work in circuits and local churches. Let us encourage each other.
3. The laity is still looking forward to the coming of Home and Family Life personnel — appointment.
4. There should be more than one personnel appointment in Stewardship.

This will help the whole Conference in Stewardship.

William Marima

Medical Activities Board

Medical insurance for students was discussed at length. It was finally agreed that for Mutambara, Old Umtali, and Nyadiri Centres, \$2,00 be collected from each student by the school authorities. This money will be paid to the Hospitals concerned in a lump sum. In return the students will be provided with basic medical services. This will not apply to students who are taken ill while on holiday. This money does not cover transportation or other specialized medical services. The service will start in January, 1973.

MEDICAL CONSENT FORMS

These forms give the Dr. permission to give prompt treatment including surgical operations when necessary. It was agreed that parents would sign these forms in the presence of the Headmaster.

A report from Medical Board Executive was given by Mr. Jambga, and was approved.

An item on Salary Claims was discussed at length. This item was finally referred back to Medical Board Executive for urgent study and presentation to the salaries committee. The claims in question concern those of senior hospital staff. The Medical Board would co-opt two or three independent persons for their impartial opinion.

NYADIRI HOSPITAL

The year ending December, 1972, has been a better one for the hospital compared to the previous year. Amidst the stresses and strains of working together, the interests of the patients were usually put first, and hospital maintained its high standards.

Staff: There was never a period of acute shortage of professional staff as we ended the year with three doctors, eight S.R.N.s and seventeen Medical Assistants. The administrator had the assistance of Mr. James Seaman from August until 14th December when the latter returned to the States.

Utilities: Most of the utilities this year functioned with less trouble than last year. The boiler, however, continued to be the main cause of disruption through frequent breakdowns. We need urgent replacement of this item, but the funds have not been forthcoming.

Expansion: The New Maternity wing has remained the most urgently needed expansion programme because the patients are there already, though poorly housed. We received a grant of \$15 000 from the Beit Trust. We need \$40 000 for the total project but we could start building with \$30 000. We may lose the grant from the Beit Trust unless we meet their condition of raising the remaining funds and start building soon.

Finances: This has been a year of tremendous effort on the part of the hospital to try and save cost as much as possible. Fee and drug charges were increased. The end-of-year audit showed that the hospital was not in debt like the previous year.

District Medical Extension Services: Dr. Stone paid several visits to each of our District Clinics, and thus improved the service. Most clinics are paying for themselves. The Chidenga Council is in the process of negotiating the take-over of the clinic with us, and we intend to hand over with goodwill, provided there is agreement between the local Health Committee (which has been working with us) and the council. Two clinics we handed over to the

councils are negotiating with us once again so that we supervise them.

Conclusion: Statistics show that our patient load has gone up tremendously. We are glad that the Ministry of Health has agreed to pay a grant for 35 extra beds. It is our hope and our prayer that we continue to give good service to our patients.

MUTAMBARA HOSPITAL

Our staff changed considerably this year with the coming of Sister Frances, Sister Winnie, Mai Kadenge (as Chaplain) and Dr. Rudy, and the going of Sister Barbara and Dr. Stone. Our charges were increased to be more realistic with the services and medicines supplied. This is in line with the idea that our hospital must be more self-supporting in the future. We notice too that government support is increasing.

The building programme did not show any advance with the exception that housing units for the families of patients were begun. Further money and pledges came in for later development.

As we look to the future we are most concerned about the quality of care for our patients. As a Christian hospital, we must not only have excellent medical facilities and "know-how" but we must project a Christian atmosphere where there is Christian love and concern toward each patient. If we retain the former and forget the latter, then we have lost our reason for serving in a Christian hospital. In the future, then, I believe we must insist on good Christian staff who show Christ in their lives, and we aim for quality care, not quantity care.

At the present writing the daily in-patient census is around 115 patients per day. This is too many for quality care by present staff and measures will have to be taken to decrease this to around 100 per day.

Mutambara Hospital has been and will remain an arm of our church trying to show God's love to man and to fulfil the great mission: "You are to go and make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Rev. Sells was born in Leistoille, Ohio, on April 29, 1899, with early schooling in Ohio and Kentucky.

In 1923 he qualified for a B.A. degree at Asbury College. He served several churches between the years of 1921 and 1927 at which time he was ordained and received his B.D. degree from Drew Seminary.

On August 8 of the same year, he married Miss Olga Ruth Eberle, an Asbury classmate. Together they did graduate studies at New York University School of Education, finishing in 1929 at Kennedy School of Missions.

Later in 1929, he transferred to the Rhodesia Annual Conference. His nearly 40 years of service included appointments as Superintendent in three different districts: Mrewa, Mutambara and Umtali-Rusape; he pastored St. Andrews Church for 22 years; he was Conference Secretary for 26 years. The last six years before his 1964 retirement were involved in Audio-Visual Services, Promotion and Historical Archives. Since retirement he has returned to Rhodesia, by special appointment, to organize the Conference Archives.

He left Rhodesia for the last time on April 5, 1972, to fill a three month interim pastorate in England. His plans to return yet again to the archives were interrupted by his death on September 7, 1972, in his home at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters and several grandchildren.

His recently completed book, *The History of Manicaland*, may be published this coming year as another tangible gift of his life in Rhodesia.

Rev. Sells—historian, administrator, Christian minister, friend.

Emily Hakuzari (Matongo) Rugayo spent her childhood in the Gandanzara Village where she was born. During the 1918 Great Revival, she with many others, accepted Christ as her Saviour.

Following her marriage to Jackson Rugayo in 1924, they served at Nyakatsapa, Rupinda and Old Umtali.

After her husband was accepted into the Rhodesia An-

nual Conference in 1930, Emily and other women began praying at dawn and at other convenient times under the Mungando trees, resolving to start similar groups wherever their husbands were stationed. These were the beginnings of Rukwadzano rwe Wadzimai. Emily helped to establish the Rukwadzano Movement at Mutambara, Mhakwe in the Muusha Reserve and at Mt. Selinda.

She served with her husband at Mrewa Mission and Chipfatsura Church prior to their appointment to Nyanya-dzi Church where they worked until their retirement in 1962.

Mrs. Rugayo died July 1, 1972, after a prolonged illness. She is survived by her husband, two sons, seven daughters and many grandchlidren.

The tradition of Rumuko is part of the great heritage Emily and her friends leave for the enrichment of us all.

Taurwi (Kanje) Katsidzira was born at Muradzikwa where she also received her primary school training.

She was married to Benjamin Katsidzira in 1912. Taurwi and her husband joined the ministry in 1924. They served at Nyamukwarara and Gandanzara Circuits from 1925 through 1931, Mtasa Circuit for the next two years and Marange until 1938. Their longest charge was for nine years in the Zimunya Circuit until 1948.

Their last appointment before their 1951 retirement was to Chiduku North Circuit.

Mrs. Taurwi Katsidzira died in 1972 following an illness. She is survived by her husband, one son, four daughters and many grandchildren.

Mrs. Katsidzira was a quiet and cheerful woman. She will be missed by our Rukwadzano band.

Wilson Mawanga (Chairman)

Ruth Matzigkeit (Secretary)

Minimum Salary

1. The Committee is very grateful for the cooperation of those units which gave their money for minimum salary funds to the Conference Treasurer.

2. We are reminding all our layleaders and chairmen

of the finance committees to work hard this year to raise the 25c for each church member toward the minimum salary for our pastors.

3. We of the minimum salary committee feel that we must budget all our conference requirements as a lump sum under one name e.g. assessments.

4. Money received in 1972 was	\$3700,00
Still short of 1972	3525,90
Asked for 1973	3700,00
To be raised	7221,90
5. Cash on hand	958,02

To be expected

R.R.W.	\$500
Press	\$200
U.M.Y.F.	\$100
N. Gandanzara	\$50
O.U. Units	\$150
Umbowo	\$10

Total	\$1968,02
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6. \$7221,90
\$1968,02

Final balance to be raised 5253,88

Recommendations:

1. that the money on item B1 and B2 on the Conference Treasurer's report be transferred to minimum salary fund.

2. that the balance of the money needed for this minimum salary be provided by BOFAC.

Caleb Zisengwe (Chairman)

Josiah Muziti (Secretary)

Board On The Ministry

The Board on the Ministry met three times during the Conference year in order to complete the task of caring for the ministers of the Annual Conference once and to select and prepare candidates for the ministry.

We are gratified that we can present to the Conference 11 candidates for reception into Full Connection and election to the order of Elder. Of this number one is received by transfer and two come after having completed satisfactorily the Conference course of study. Six candidates are presented to be received on trial, three of whom have met the requirements through the Conference course of study.

1. *Candidates for the ministry:*

Two candidates have been provisionally approved for entrance into the standard course at Epworth in 1973. They are James Chikomba and Lamech Mhasho.

2. *Epworth:*

(a) *1972 Graduates:* This class was the first to complete studies at Epworth under the new four-year curriculum. We are pleased that we are receiving three capable young men into pastoral work, each of whom comes with high recommendations. Farai D. Muzorewa completed his studies with honours and is to be congratulated for the example which he has set.

(b) We have had 15 students from this Annual Conference in residence at Epworth during 1972. Progress reports from the college indicate that for the most part students are doing well.

(c) The Board on the Ministry requests that all items sent to the Board from students at Epworth be channelled through the Dean of Students or other appointed tutor of the United Methodist Church.

3. *Changes in Policy for Entry into the Ministry:*

The following will help Quarterly Conferences in the selection of candidates for the ministry:

(a) In general, we feel that the minimum academic qualification for admission to the ministry should be the successful completion of "O" level certificate.

(b) Candidates should hold a local preacher's licence *before* being recommended to the Board on the Ministry.

(c) In most cases Candidates should have one year's experience in employment or in voluntary service following completion of their academic school work.

(d) In general, we feel candidates should be at least

20 years of age upon entry to Epworth.

(c) Most important of all they must have had a true spiritual call to become a minister of the Gospel.

4. *Pastors' School:*

The 1972 Pastors' School was held at Old Umtali from 29 May to 2 June on the theme "Leadership Training in Group Relation". Lecturers were The Venerable Leisle Grady, Rev. Peter Russell, Dr. Norman Thomas and Rev. Darrell Huddleston. The strangeness of the approach to the subject matter disturbed the group at first, but by the end of the school, many ministers had to confess that they had learned much about themselves and the organisation of groups within the Church as a means of improving our Christian witness.

Dr. Maurice Culver has been named Dean for the 1973 Pastors' School.

5. *Continuing Education for Ministers:*

To assist ministers in better equipping themselves through both academic and practical studies, the Board approved the following items pending availability of funds:

(a) Thomas Mvenge \$33,00 being a $\frac{1}{2}$ scholarship for GCE "O" level studies.

(b) Rudolph Matongo \$18,00 for exam fee and balance due on lectures for GCE "O" level studies.

(c) We recommend that university scholarships for ministers studying in this country follow the same procedure as those sent overseas, i.e., the wife to receive $\frac{2}{3}$ salary of the minister, retroactive to January, 1972.

If this is possible we then recommend that this policy apply to Sandah Sanganzah and refer the matter to BOFAC.

(d) Julius Tsiga — We approve the granting of study leave and scholarship help pending acceptance by the University of Rhodesia and refer his name to the scholarship committee.

(e) Micah Chinoda — We approve the granting of study leave if this minister is accepted for university work.

As for the item referred by Conference to the Board, concerning training of local pastors, the Board has appointed a committee to meet in February. This committee is com-

posed of Rev. Munjoma, Rev. Mudzengerere, Rev. Leiknes, Rev. Chiza and one of our tutors from Epworth.

6. *Training of local preachers:* We place the responsibility for the training of local preachers upon the ministers of the Conference under the leadership of the Directors of Lay Training. Persons should not be licensed to preach without having completed the approved course for local preachers. Therefore, we request that the Directors of Lay Training mimeograph again the course outline and distribute a copy to each minister in the Conference. Candidates for Local Preachers can purchase the two books needed.

7. We recommend that Rev. Nason Chigubu be given sick leave for the year 1973 prior to his retirement at Annual Conference next year. We ask that he receive at least half-salary for the year plus the \$18,00 pension payment, (510 plus 18 total \$528) and refer this matter to BOFAC.

8. We recommend the appointment of a committee composed of the representatives (or their alternates) to the Joint Theological Training Council and the United Methodist Tutors at Epworth to study the possibility of the introduction of fees for students at Epworth (This group to report their findings to the next meeting of the Board on the Ministry).

Samuel Munjoma (Chairman)
Joseph Bisby (Secretary)

Methodist Rural and Industrial Development

I— SOUTH I

Reports by the three Land Agents are as follows:

NYAKATSAPA — this area is doing quite well and the people of Nyakatsapa are progressing.

OLD UMMTALI — This farm is in fine shape and the value of this land has been increased by some of the improvements as well as by the pressure being lifted by the use of the land. The "Butchershop in the Backyard" programme has been used by two of the district women's

groups and another is planned for February. Many other groups have made use of these facilities as well as some of the students beginning courses in other areas. Several other groups have asked to copy this plan and at least eight of our former students have found work opportunities and are earning from \$16 to \$20 weekly. We have ploughed 2000 acres during 1972 in the T.T.L. and Purchase areas. The dam construction unit will soon be ready.

MUTAMBARA — Since October the Executive and I have been working on a long range plan which we believe will work.

II— SOUTH II

ARNOLDINE — The irrigation scheme has been completed and the gardens begun with the water supply. The tractor has been purchased but has not yet been delivered. Overstocking continues to be a problem and is a difficult one to solve. One help will be rotational grazing but this too needs money for fencing; this is difficult as the farmers hesitate to put money on this land which is not permanent. Another problem is a water supply to the homes and of course the difficulty, here again, is the money needed for this kind of project.

GLENADA — The suggested better use of this land would be planting a gum plantation because the Umtali Board and Paper Mill Co. plans a pulp wood processing plant in Odzi.

III— NORTH

DENDERA — The medical, literacy, agriculture, church, and women's work programmes have been successful in helping the local people to build better communities. The medical hope to strengthen their work by beginning public health nursing. Literacy is planning to place an emphasis on adult literacy so as to use more written materials in training programmes. An additional programme of vocational education has been approved. Agriculture will push

better farming methods, with cash crops and work on cooperatives and savings clubs.

NYADIRI — The tractor ploughing unit has been used in the Nyadiri-Tamutsa. It is hoped that the new committee, Rural Development Committee, North, will be of help in defining the responsibilities of this position.

IV— NYADIRI CATTLE RANCHING: -

This unit has gone from 21 animals in February 1970 to 42 head at present. The sheep programme has been disappointing. The gardening of $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres has been able to serve the other units at Nyadiri by furnishing vegetables for most of the year. The wood cutting has helped in bush-clearing and has gained enough profits to purchase and plant 10,000 gum seedlings this last year.

The Rural Development Committee North was accepted as a working sub-committee under MRID and a committee is suggested for the South with a like organization.

Recommendations:

1. That a committee be set up as Rural Development Committee, South with the following persons: the 2 D.S.'s of Umtali South, and Mtasa-Makoni, the two doctors at Mutambara and Old Umtali; 2 members at large (one, a woman), Mrs. J. Chitombo, Rev. F. Kadenge and the Conference Educational Secretary. We also ask that MRID be broadened to include the chairmen of the North and South Committees; and 2 land agents South I and South II.

2. That permission be given to raise funds for rural development projects outside the regular budget. Specific amounts and projects should be considered and approved in advance by BOFAC.

3. That all rural training schemes on mission lands be under the above committee.

4. That Conference give serious consideration to hunger relief on a conference-wide basis.

Ministry To Women

A. RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That \$200,00 be set aside for the 1973 session of the RRW Training Institute.

(2) That the Head of Sunnyside Secondary School, with the help of the Education Secretary, write to The Beit Trust and apply for funds for the new dormitory which is urgently needed there. The plan and estimated cost should be included in the application.

(3) That the secretary send a letter to Mrs. Rose Catchings in New York asking if further money is available in the Africa Women's Fund.

(4) That the Rukwadzano study their programmes and hour of meeting in order to care more adequately for the spiritual needs of the business and professional women of our church.

(5) That a two week training course for the teachers of Nhamburiko Dzeupenyu Schools (school leavers) be set up by this committee as early as possible. We set aside \$100,00 for this purpose.

(6) That we contribute \$150,00 for the purchase of desks and benches for Sunnyside Secondary School.

(7) That the Chairman of this Committee be a representative on the Westwood Y.W.C.A. Hostel Committee.

Note: It has been brought to our attention that girls who are doing A Level studies at Ranche House College or elsewhere in Salisbury may stay at the Westwood Y.W.C.A. Hostel free of charge. There are sets of A Level text books available for use by resident students. For further information regarding the Hostel, the Y.W.C.A. Secretary, Mrs. Mhlanga, may be contacted at the Bible House.

Ellen Miller (Chairman)

Margaret Curtis (Secretary)

B. REPORT OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN HOSTEL TRUST

The Young Women's Christian Hostel located in Westwood was opened in August, 1970. It is jointly sponsored

by the United Methodist Church, the Methodist Church (Synod), and the Y.W.C.A. World Affiliated. The capital cost of the buildings was \$130 000,00. Of this amount \$82 144,00 was contributed by United Methodist Women in the United States. The second largest donor was "Bread for the World" German organization which gave \$48 500,00. The Hostel has 50 double rooms and can accommodate 100 residents. In addition there are two spacious lounges, a study room, a matron's flat and a large dining room.

Purpose and Aim of the Hostel

The purpose of the Hostel as outlined in its constitution is as follows:

- (1) To accommodate working girls and women of all races in employment or training, or as transient visitors, in a homelike atmosphere under Christian leaderships;
- (2) To provide opportunities for counselling with young women as they seek employment and adjustment to life in town; and
- (3) To develop Christian character and a sense of Christian community among hostel residents.

Organization

The Hostel is administered by a Board of Trustees composed of three members from each of the sponsoring bodies and by a Management Committee which meets once a month at the Hostel to deal with the general running of the Hostel. The United Methodist members of the Management Committee are: Dr. N. Thomas, Mrs. R. Zhange, Mr. J. Schevenius (co-opted), Mrs. B.J. Murphree, Mrs. E. Jijita, and Mrs. M. Chiza.

Problems and Progress

Since the opening of the Hostel, residents have been slow to come in. There are a number of reasons for this. This is a new venture and it takes time to catch on, as well as the fact that publicity about the Hostel and its facilities has not been widely circulated. The growth of the Hostel has also been hindered by serious transport problems. We have been unable to get a bus-route past the Hostel so

residents have to walk a mile to catch a bus to their jobs. For girls, such as nurses at Harare, it has been inconvenient especially when on night duty.

The lack of residents to fill the hostel has caused financial problems. We need to have at least half the rooms occupied in order to cover running expenses. -Consequently, for the first year we were running into debt.

The Management Committee struggled with these problems and has sought to solve them in the following ways:

(1) *A Subsidized A-Level Project for Girls:* It was felt that there was a great need for opportunities for A-Level studies for girls who qualify but do not get places in school. A scheme was drawn up to provide room and board at the Hostel for up to 30 African girls who have gained a First or Upper Second Division in their Cambridge examination. The plan is for them to live at the Hostel and attend classes in Harare, Highfield, St. Peter's or Ranche House College. Boarding and transport costs of \$200 per year are provided from special scholarship funds received from United Methodist Women (U.S.) The successful applicants are expected to provide their own tuition fees and books.

Under this scheme we have three girls at the Hostel doing A-Level studies. This leaves room for 27 more applicants. Applications for this year should be sent to:

The Secretary, A-Level Project,
P. O. Box 3170,
Salisbury.

(2) *Opening the Hostel to male residents:* Although the Hostel was originally built to serve women, we have extended it to include a limited number of men in order to stay in business. The taking of male residents has been beneficial on two points: it has improved our financial situation and it has improved the general appearance of our female residents! The 33 residents (20 women, 13 men) share a common lounge and dining room while all other facilities remain quite separate.

(3) *Small groups and Conferences at the Hostel:* The

use being made of the Hostel facilities by various organizations to hold committee meetings, leadership training courses and women's clubs is proving a very worthwhile service to the country as a whole as well as being a financial aid to our tight budget. The following groups have used the Hostel in the past year for conference and committee meetings: Adult Literacy Council, Lever Bros (Pvt) Ltd., Nutresco, Internal Affairs, United Methodist Church,, Methodist Church (Synod), Y.W.C.A., Christian Council, Catholic Church, Anglican Church, Salvation Army, Metal Box Women's Club, R.A.T.A. and David Whitehead Co.

Transport Aid from 'Bread for the World'

To help meet the transport problem of residents the German organization 'Bread for the World' came to the rescue again and sent a new Volkswagon Kombi. It arrived last week! We are very grateful to this organization for its help and interest in the Hostel.

Training for Hostel Staff

The Hostel Director, Miss Gombera, attended a training course in Nairobi in November through the generosity of the World Y.W.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. of Rhodesia. She found it very useful and stimulating.

Needs: Present and Future

1. Spread the good news of the Hostel and help us fill it.
2. Advertise the A-Level project for girls among your members.
3. We still need various items of equipment which we have not been able to purchase because of lack of funds.
4. Further buildings specially staff quarters and a recreation hall are needed.

The future success of the Hostel is dependent on all of you as members of one of the three sponsoring bodies, making known to others in your community the purposes and facilities available at the Young Women's Christian Hostel, Westwood.

Mrs. K. Mhlanga

Ngariende

A. Items from last year's report:

1. Request for a pastor to Botswana. Ngariende is very grateful for the appointment of Rev. E. Chikodzi to Botswana. Although he is far away, we shall be with him in prayer.

We have been asked by Cabinet to raise money for his support from January 1973 to the end of the year but since we must help with many projects and have little money, we are asking Conference to take Rev. Chikodzi's salary from the Church Extension Fund.

2. Chikwizo Dam. We are pleased to hear that Chikwizo Dam is getting on well although there was a bit of damage done during the rains. We are very thankful for the co-operation of the Chikwizo people in this project.

3. Dendera Development. Ngariende is pleased to hear of the progress of this place. We thank the demonstrator who is educating the people around Dendera. They managed to harvest 26 bags of grain in 1972.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Finster as well as the pastor and his wife for the great work they are doing in that area. We are sorry that the Literacy Programme has been so greatly cut by the government but we are thankful that one big class is able to continue at the Centre.

4. Corrections from Last Year's Report.

(a) We regret the statement in last year's report which said: "There appears to be great superstition and strong Wapostori activity in the area". These things have not hindered our work and therefore they should not have been said.

(b) Also we regret the statement: "We are proud for our church" as we really meant "We are very pleased to hear of the progress of our work in Botswana."

B. Recommendations:

1. Ngariende Committee suggests these methods of sending money to the people concerned:

(a) We urge the District Finance Committee to follow up in their circuits in collecting Ngariende offerings. We urge the District Superintendents to give the District

Finance Committee strong support in collecting these offerings.

(b) We recommend that the Ngariende offerings should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, Mr. I. Musamba.

2. The Ngariende Committee recommends that District trophies similar to the Conference trophies be awarded to the 5 Circuits which have met all their budget during the year.

3. Our budget for Botswana this year, 1973, is \$1 250,00. This means that the share each of the Five Districts will raise is \$250,00.

We urge each District to work very hard to raise their share of \$250,00 before April 30th 1973, which is the last date for sending this money to Mr. I. Musamba.

This money is urgently needed to meet the salary of our Missionary, Mr. Chikodzi in Botswana.

4. We recommend that the 5th of August 1973 be Ngariende Sunday so that sufficient money may be raised to meet our commitments to the older projects which Ngariende is carrying; therefore none of these August offerings would be used for the Botswana Project.

C. *Conference Evangelism Report:*

Bishop and members of the Conference I thank God for His care since last year up to now.

In the work of Evangelism we have been concentrating on *training* and preaching the Gospel to the people.

1. *TRAINING:*

186 teams of two by two have been trained in the different circuits. The result in one circuit was 126 converts.

2. *PREACHING:*

Most of the Districts invited me to preach instead of to train their people but I have discovered that Christian people want training. The fact that 126 converts were the result of training in one circuit proves the need for training.

It was a wonderful opportunity to conduct a preaching campaign when an Epworth Student was invited to help me. We had a tremendous revival which brought many people to Christ. When I went to a certain church, the spirit of Christ came upon the people. When I was leaving, people held my car to prevent my leaving and some gave me money. One who came to the car with tears gave me a piece of used blue soap as her precious gift for the Christ who came to her.

With invitations, I attended three big Annual Meetings of RRW and Vabvuwi South. In all of these meetings there were tremendous gatherings of about eight to ten thousand people. The spirit of fellowship was a wonderful one.

At the close of each meeting a record was taken to see how many people have been won to Christ. At one Vabvuwi meeting five testified that they were filled by the Holy Spirit, three were reclaimed for Christ and one was definitely won to Christ for the first time.

It seems that these meetings are becoming great times of fellowship instead of being revival opportunities. We must remember that these are not business gatherings but their purpose is to seek salvation for all people and to show them the deep love of God.

Let us make it our aim to stir up revival among the people!

3. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR EVANGELISM:

Our giving does not end with Ngariende Special Sunday offerings but Ngariende offerings must continue during the whole year in our circuits and districts.

Ngariende money from January 1972 to December 1972 amounted to \$401,00. Money designated to Botswana amounted to \$210,00.

Pledge cards were made last year and went out to many people but I think that only three people responded.

Let our brethren in the entire Conference go the second mile in giving!

Martin Chiza (Chairman)
Peter B. Mudiwa (Secretary)

Board Of Pensions And Conference Claimants

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the wife of the late Rev. E. Matongo be paid a cash amount of \$150,00 based on the number of years of contribution paid to the old Pension Fund by Rev. E. Matongo and the church.

2. We recommend that the wife of the late Rev. J. Nduna be paid an Annual Pension amounting to three-quarters of the full Annual Pension previously paid. The payment should be back-dated to the first month after his death.

3. Ministers still owing contributions to the Pension Fund will be given additional time until June 30, 1973 to make up the old amount. After that time these years of non-payment of pensions will be lost.

4. We recommend that a minister who is studying be retained as a member of our Pension Scheme until he finishes B.D. M.A. or Ph.D. The nomenclature of this degree may change, but the equivalent in years should be retained. Each student should be made aware of this decision or regulation before he goes overseas. For this period of time the Conference in Rhodesia will pay both the Church Contribution and personal contribution to the Pension Scheme. After this time has elapsed we expect them to return and take up their positions in the church in Rhodesia.

Should they desire to continue studying or take up an appointment overseas, they should immediately be cut off from our Pension Scheme.

Kare Eriksson (Chairman)

Josiah Njagu (Secretary)

Rukwadzano

In Judges we read about the woman who was called to help Barak. She did not refuse, she agreed and she went on as a captain. We as the R.R.W. are not like captains as she was but we are helpers to our Mother Church with the little things we do.

Each district had reports of helping in the various areas of the church and community; giving to ministers salaries, to the baby-fold, and to many other needy areas through the work in the circuits. The total amount of cash used to help others by the various circuits throughout the conference was \$1189,58½. There were 1210 visits made.

R.R.W. BIG ANNUAL MEETING

The north meeting was at Nyamukamani where about 9,000 attended. There was a great uplifting of souls,. A gift was given to a blind man for the replacement of his Bible. Divine-healing services were held and were very effective. One of the greatest concerns of this group was the drinking which is growing.

The South meeting was held at Nyakatsapa. We praise the Lord for this wonderful time. Four Nganga's repented and many evil spirits were driven out. We were honoured by the presence of representatives of 8 Chiefs and one Chief gave us a gift of \$22,18. Donations of \$79,64 were collected and given to Sunnyside and Nyakatsapa. Many, many blessings were received. One of the greatest was the message of the re-election of our Bishop.

A recommendation came from these groups that each last Friday of the month will be a special day for prayer against strong drink and other problems of the country.

DUMBA REPORT

This meeting was held at Sunnyside from December 13 to 15, 1972.

1. Dumba agreed to help with the dormitory need at Sunnyside by giving \$200.

2. \$500 is now to be released to the Ministers' Minimum Salary Fund.

3. For the continued work at Nyakatsapa \$1600 was voted.

The work at Nyakatsapa Training Centre has been an inspiration to the women. There will be an increase from 24 to 36 girls. This is now a full time, one year course with two teachers for the next year, as the short course did not seem enough and the need for a second teacher

was felt by all. A committee was appointed to investigate the urgent need for garden and field land for staff and students at Nyakatsapa. We were urged to use Nyakatsapa during holidays for short courses for women or other church groups.

4. The good work being done by the School leavers groups is to continue as the Dumba voted \$1080 to be given to the Districts. All the D.S.s' wives had excellent reports of this work. The finance for these schools will now be moved to new areas and it is hoped the local R.R.W. will see the value in continuing this work on their own. We recommended that the funds from last year M.R.I.D. training should be used to train teachers for school leavers.

5. \$200 was voted to be given to Ngariende to help with the salary of the Missionary to Botswana.

6. \$10 was voted as a gift to Chinyadza Church.

7. \$189 was voted for expenses for officers and advisers.

8. \$200 was voted for furniture for the new class at Sunnyside.

9. The co-deans of Leadership Training are Mrs. C. Chimbanga and Mrs. D. Bisby. This will be held from April 30 to May 4, 1973 at Nyadiri Centre.

The work of the 1972 course was excellent and during the field trip \$17 was donated to Jairos Jiri.

A report was given by our two delegates to Uganda and we see great blessings from our women travelling to many countries and meetings.

10. The advisor for Nyakatsapa will be Mrs. M. Curtis until the return of Mrs. Thomas. The vice will be Mrs. E. Kuwana. Our Conference Education Secretary will also supervise this work.

11. A recommendation was made for a change of pins to add the UMC flame. The committee is Mrs. Muzorewa, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Dikanifuwa, Mrs. Miller.

12. We recommend that our members should have Church Clubs in their areas with the assistance of the D.S.'s wife and a missionary's wife in their districts, as advisers.

Dumba closed with a great period of thanksgiving with many giving a gift to show thanks for our many blessings, \$18 was given.

We wish to express our appreciation to Bishop and Conference for this assistance and encouragement.

Gladys Nyamukapa (Treasurer)
 Dorcas Kajese (Chairman, North)
 Tabitha Katsande (Secretary, North)
 Sarah Munjoma (Chairman, South)
 Lois Chikosi (Secretary, South)

Musumo waSahomwe

(Kusandira Kristu newamwe)

Mari iri kuCABS	\$3031,50
Mari iri kuSavings Bank account	3031,67
Mari iri kuCurrent Account	639,30
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Mari yeRupau —December 1972	\$1442,48
Mari yeRupau —Zvikwerete	203,75
Mari yeW.F.M.W. W.F.M.W.	40,96
Mari yeR.R.W. — Pins — Pins	95,15
Mari yeR.R.W. — Rumano - R. Books	54,62
Mari yakasara pakufamba nezvipo	57,30
Mari yakugashirwa December 1972	
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	6702,17
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Mari yakabuda kundoshanda

Sunnyside Mukumbiro wekutanga	200,00
Ministers	500,00
Nyakatsapa RRW Centre	1600,00
Nhamburiko dzeUpenyu	1080,00
Botswana	200,00
Chinyadza Church	10,00
R.R.W. Officers	107,18

Wapangi Wemazano 2	52,00
Mai Bishop	30,00
Sunnyside Mukumbiro wechipiri 1973	200,00
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Total	3979,18
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Resolutions

We thank our Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa for the excellent leadership he is giving our Church and for his courageous witness for Christ in every area of life.

We appreciate the hearty welcome extended by Rev. T. Curtis, the Salisbury/Bulawayo Superintendent, and by all the United Methodist People in his District. We know they have all worked diligently to make our Annual Conference a big success in their District. We certainly enjoyed the lovely teas served by the Sailsbury Women Clubs from our Churches in Hunyani, Dzivaresekwa, Mufakose, Mabvuku, Harare and Highfield.

We have been very inspired by the Choirs of this District which have rendered such special music from Mangula, Harare, Mabvuku, Mufakose and the District Choir. Especially we do thank Mr. Enock Chieza who has directed the whole programme of music this week in such a meaningful way.

We are also deeply grateful to Mr. Ellit Musumhi, the Conference Secretary, to Miss Pat Fulmer and to all their hard-working assistants and typists who helped in the efficient running of our Conference this week.

We also thank Chief Maranke for his continuous generosity in giving to our Baby Folds.

Our deepest gratitude must go to the Chishawasha Staff for their kindness in letting us use their buildings, for the delicious food they have provided, for the use of their phone, all their other facilities and for the friendly, generous spirit which they have shown toward all of us this entire week. They have made us feel so much at home that we now feel a closer unity with the Catholic Church and a deeper appreciation for the service they render in our Master's Name.

Surely our visiting speaker from the Advance Department of our New York Board of Missions, Rev. Bill Starnes, has stirred us with his Spirit-filled messages in an amazing way that is unforgettable! We also thank Rev. Chiza, Rev. Nyamukapa, Rev. Leiknes and Rev. E. Jijita for their helpful morning devotions.

We were blessed this week with the fellowship of the Fraternal delegate from United Church of Christ, Rev. Muzite. Also we were happy to have the Mayor of Salisbury visit us, Representatives from the Catholic Church, including the Principal, Father Davis, Bishop Burrough of the Anglican Church, the Principal of Epworth Theological College also representing the Methodist Synod, the Rev. Micheal Appleyard.

Let us pray for many more Conferences as glorious as this one has bee!

Isaac Mawokomatanda (Chairman)
Dorcas Chinopfukutwa (Secretary)

Shona Language Study

1. (a) We still strongly believe that the new missionaries should be given opportunity to study the language before appointment.

(b) The programme should be worked out with each missionary by the Director of Language Study. For example we commend that programme worked out for Dr. Hoover whereby she attended Ranche House College first and then went to stay with the people at Arnoldine Mission Farm for a month.

(c) If it is not possible for the Conference to ensure that new Missionaries study Shona before being appointed, we recommend that the Board of Missions arrange that all new Missionaries be asked to study the language in U.S.A. before coming to Rhodesia. This could perhaps be arranged as Dr. Matthew Wakatama is teaching Shona in a New York University.

2. We recommend Mrs. Winnie Thomas to continue with

the Shona Language Study as Director. In the absence of Mrs. Winnie Thomas we ask Mrs. Murphree to act in her place.

Rev. E. Kuwana (Chairman)

Rev. J.M. Muchanyerei (Secretary)

Student Loan Fund

During 1972, eight Teacher Training students received loans. Six of these were students at Nyadiri T.T.C., one each at Umtali T.T.C. and Howard T.T.C.

Correspondence regarding applications for student loans should be made to the Secretary, Mr. W. Makombe, Nyadiri Mission, P.B. 636E, Salisbury.

Contributions and loan payments should be sent to Mr. H. Katedza, Nyadiri T.T College, P.B. 636E, Salisbury.

The loans continue to be available only to Teacher Training students in T4 T3, and T2 Colleges. The general policy is to grant loans to 2nd and 3rd year students.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend 1st July, 1973 as Student Loan Fund Sunday.

2. We recommend that the Student Loan Fund Sunday be observed strictly and all collections sent to the Treasurer immediately.

3. We urge churches that are still holding the 1972 be observed strictly and all collections sent to the Treasurer

4. The Committee recommends that the Student Loan Fund application forms and the contract be revised.

5. Loans approved for 1973:

NYADIRI T3 COLLEGE:

(a) Reuben Mutwira, 3rd year	\$40,00
(b) Francis Makarau, 3rd year	\$40,00
(c) Lovemore Chigumira, 2nd year	\$40,00
(d) Peterson Maraire, 3rd year	\$30,00
(e) Kemsley Magoba, 2nd year	\$40,00

Treasurer's unaudited report as of 31st December, 1972:

1. Money received:

A. From Student Loan Recipients	\$468,00
B. Contributions from Churches	
(i) Chikwizo	75
(ii) Highfield Circuit	10,58
(iii) Mtoko	1,00
iv) Nyadiri	13,24
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Total received	\$493,57
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2. Total money paid out (Nyadiri T.T.St.)	\$200,00
3. Amount due from Student Loan Recipients	\$1 943,48
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4. Bank Bal. as of 31st Dec. 1972	\$1 556,44
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Newton Chiwara (Chairman)
Titus Chitanda (Vice Chairman)
Willas Makombe (Secretary)
Herbert Katedza (Treasurer)

Report By Conference Secretary On Temperance

The past year certainly marks a mile stone in the events of Temperance Education work in our Conference. I travelled to the three of our five districts visiting the men's convention south, Gandanzara Circuit and the U.M.Y.F. meetings teaching and educating the people about the evils of smoking and taking of strong drinks. In every place the response was almost 95% in favour of the lessons.

I prepared cards for pledging not to drink and to help in teaching about the evils of drinking. In the entire Conference, 674 Christian people pledged to totally abstain from strong beer drinking. Each person received a prepared lesson to help him educate others with relevant facts.

Invitations were coming from certain circuits but due to the lack of funds I could not accept them. I wish the Conference to be serious about this unit by providing

enough funds for it. Our people need great help especially the young people. I have approached some of the Council members who emphasize the opening of beer halls in the rural areas. Some of them do recant what they have done in opening these beer halls. I strengthened the Temperance club at Nyamuzuwe High School by lessons and by going out together preaching and educating against the evils of strong drink. For Temperance Sunday last year, I prepared a sermon which was sent to all our churches in Rhodesia. Free booklets were given to Pastors for use.

I have attended some meetings organised by the Salisbury Council on alcoholism. Some doctors are prepared to help people on request. A room is being made available in Highfield Township to help heavy drinkers if they desire help.

The Independent Order of True Templars in Rhodesia is rather weak. The main reason being that of failing to have a full-time worker to push things forward.

B. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That each local church form a Temperance Committee. One of the duties of the local church Temperance Committee should be to counsel with church members, staff, and institutional workers who are drinking, smoking, misusing drugs, or have similar problems.

2. That the Temperance Committee write for free books on Temperance e.g., (a) You can Quit Smoking (b) New facts about Marijuana (Mbanje or Dagga) obtainable at P. O. Box 1060, Johannesburg, Transvaal. South Africa. Other books available on sale from Market Square Book Room, 95 Salisbury Street, Salisbury, are:

(1) Church and alcohol	2c
(2) Church and Tobacco	2c
(3) Kumwa	5c
(4) Its best to know about alcohol	5c
(6) Lessons in Temperance	5c
(7) Tikombe Learns	5c

3. That Temperance Sunday be set for February 1973 and that collections made be sent to Conference Treasurer for Temperance use.

4. We recommend that at the beginning of the school year, all head teachers appoint suitable staff members to organize and sponsor temperance clubs.

5. We recommend that all teachers of Biology and Science in our upper Primary and Secondary Schools include the health dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drugs in their teaching schemes.

6. Realizing the vital importance of the influence of teachers on students in our schools, we urge that greater care should be exercised in selecting teachers for appointment to our institutoins.

7. We are fully convinced that the work of Rev. Jijita in connection with temperance is of paramount importance in saving the lives of Rhodesians from the destruction that results from drinking. In order for him to do this work effectively we strongly recommend that his budget be raised from \$100,00 to \$300,00 per year.

8. We express appreciation to the Temperance Secretary and other people who have contributed articles to UMBOWO on the subject of drinking.

Everett Matzigkeit (Chairman)
Stanley Mataranyika (Secretary)

Treasurer's Report

A.

RECEIPTS

Cash at Bank 1.11.71	\$34529,34
Rhodesia Government Grants	172525,69
Rhodesia Govt. Medical Grants	37315,08
Scholarship: Local	17297,95
Scholarship: Theological	692,65
School Managers' Funds A/c	6363,64
Sunnyside School Building A/c	7970,00
Sundry (Episcopal Fund etc)	40358,86
Work Budget	116785,96
Interest on behalf of Pension Fund	1735,54
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	435574,71

PAYMENTS:

Governments Grants Educational	172525,69
Government Grants Medical	37315,08

Work Budgets	152696,07
Others (Travel, Salaries etc)	33863,04
Episcopal Fund	12165,85
Cash at Bank (31-10-72)	27008,98
	<hr/> 435574,71

Auditors' statement: We have extracted the above figures from the books and records of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church and we certify them to be in accordance therewith (5-1-73)

FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ONLY

B1. ANNUAL CONFERENCE GENERAL FUND (31-10-72)

Mrewa District	1,80	
Mtasa-Makoni District	76,35	
Salisbury - Bulawayo District	94,70	
Umtali South District	50,00	
Market Square Bookroom	25,00	
Tithes from missionaries	748,00	995,85

B2. ANNUAL CONFERENCE 75TH ANNIVERSARY FUND:

Mrewa District	25,49	
Mtasa-Makoni District	118,18	
Salisbury-Bulawayo District	64,33	
Umtali South District	115,07	323,07
Overseas contributors		210,60
BOFAC vote (July 1972)		1100,00
		<hr/> 1633,67

Travels	80,50
Printing Hartzell Book	315,00
75th Anniversary Umbowo	110,00
Publicity	37,15
Special Envelopes	44,17
Letters and Postages	24,03
	<hr/> 610,85

Balance (4-1-73)	<hr/> 1022,82
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B3. PASTORAL SUPPORT AND MINIMUM FUND (31-10-72)

Minimum Salary: Umtali South District	50,00
Minimum Salary: Mutambara Farm	300,00
Minimum Salary: Wabvuwi North	100,00
Minimum Salary: Wabvuwi South	100,00
Minimum Salary: Rev. A. Alvord	82,52

Tithes from missionaries P/ Support

632,52

325,50

958,02

B4. EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE FURNITURE FUND: (31-10-72)

Mrewa District

18,10

Mtasa-Makoni District

84,21

Salisbury-Bulawayo District

15,15

Umtali South District

21,27

138,73

B5. NGARIENDE VANGERI

General Collection 1972 Annual Conference

58,81

Umtali South District

20,00

78,81

B6. ASSESSMENTS (31-10-72)

Umtali South District

50,00

B7. SAMUEL TSOPOTSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND (31-10-72)

Balance (18-11-72)

1290,83

General Contribution 1972 Conference

76,72

Conference Individuals

155,00

Non Conference Individuals

61,00

Mrewa District

25,20

317,92

1608,75

One 1972 Scholarship at UR

780,00

Balance

828,75

B8. ARNOLDINE MINING OPTIONS (8-11-72)

Total Received (March-October)

2700,00

Option paid to Agent (March-October)

810,00

Water Pump Arnoldine

886,74

Legal advice and Travels

450,00

2101,74

Balance

598,26

C1. PENSION FUND: INCOME

Ministers' contributions Received

1186,00

Contributions from Board of Missions/Nor.

1937,48

Contributions from Publishing House USA

340,42

Donations: Murphree Memorial		1532,04
Interest: Government stocks		644,55
Fixed & Savings Dep.		1173,56
General Board of Pen.	293,70	2111,81
Rhodesia Annual Conference Budget		1670,00
		<hr/> 8777,75

EXPENDITURE

Pensions paid	2493,71
Ministers' Assurance Premiums	2590,02
Audit Fee	130,00
Bank Charges	10,80
Excess of Income over Ex. for the year trans. to acc. Funds	3553,22
	<hr/> 8777,75

Notes: Ministers' contributions which were due but not received at 31st October, 1972 have not been brought to account.

(2) Interest receivable on Zambian Local Registered Stock for the current year, amounting to \$167,12, has been brought to account but there is no evidence to show that it has been received by the Pension Fund.

C2. BALANCE SHEET

Balance at 31st October 1971	40438,38
Add Excess of Income over expenditure for the year transferred from Income and Expenditure A/c	3553,22
Creditors	175,00
	<hr/> 44166,60

INVESTMENTS

Rhodesia Local Registered Stock	9652,00	
Zambia Local Registered Stock	2674,00	
Malawi Local Registered Stock	774,00	
		<hr/> 13100,00
Interest accrued Registered Stock	71,70	
Fixed Deposits CABS	23710,00	
Interest Fixed Deposits CABS	266,64	
Savings Account (with interest included CABS	178,71	
General Board of Pensions	5055,48	
Cash at Bank — Salisbury	642,24	
Cash Blocked A/c Zambia — Barclays Bank	1141,83	
		<hr/> 44166,60

D1. LAY WORKERS' RETIREMENT FUND BALANCE SHEET:

	Mem.'s	A/c Chur.	Gen.	A/c Totals
Balance at 31st Oct. 1971	15826,39	15826,39		31652,78
Contributions Received	2647,91	2647,91		5295,82

TOTALS	18474,30	18474,30	36948,60
Less: Withdrawals from Fund	1153,82	593,42	1747,24
TOTALS	17320,48	17880,88	35201,36
Less: Transfers to Cont. Fund		560,40	560,40
TOTALS	17320,48	17320,48	34640,96
Add surplus for year transferred from Income and Expenditure A/c being 3½% of members' Balances	606,22	606,22	1212,44
TOTALS	17926,70	17926,70	35853,40

CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance at 31st October 1971	10634,32	
Transfer from Church Gen. A/c	560,40	
Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account	948,32	12143,04
Creditors		518,16
		<hr/> 48514,60 <hr/>

D2 INVESTMENTS

Fixed Deposits CABS		41700,00
Interest Accrued F.D. CABS		564,43
		<hr/> 42264,43 <hr/>
Savings A/c CABS (With interest)		1659,96
Post Office Savings Certificates including interest	1950,00	45874,39
Debtor		1,30
Cash at Bank		2638,91
		<hr/> 48514,60 <hr/>

Note: Contributions which were due but not received at 31st October, 1972 have not been brought to account.

I. C. Musamba (Conference Treasurer)

Board Of Trustees

The Board of Trustees feels strongly that there must be three land agents and that they should be voting members of the Board of Trustees. We therefore recommend that: -
In class 1973 the name of Benjamin Mutambara be replaced by the Land Agent South 1.

In class 1974 the name of O. Stine be replaced by the Land Agent South 2.

In class 1975 the name of T. Curtis be replaced by Land Agent North.

1. We accept the proposal by Rhodesia Railways to shift railway line from its present track across Glenada Farm to a new track. The existing railway strip of 59,000 m² of arable land is to be returned to the Glenada Farm. The new strip wanted consists of 13,700 m² of mostly non-arable land. However, the Board of Trustees of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church does request the cooperation of the Rhodesia Railways to reopen the old approach road across the railway line at the quarry.

2. *Business leases — Arnoldine*

(a) We draw attention to the recommendation by the Task Force Committee and accepted by the Annual Conference 1972 (Journal 1972, page 132, item 4) regarding rent payable on businesses operated on Mission Lands.

(b) We approve the application by Weston Chimboza for a business lease for opening a butchery at Arnoldine on conditions set out by the Annual Conference 1972, as noted above. Further, all conditions relating to health and sanitary requirements must be met.

(c) Application by Azariah Nemaungwe for a business lease for establishing a carpentry shop at Arnoldine was not approved.

3. *Nyakatsapa Farm.*

(a) We acknowledge for the record the operation of a store and a grinding mill at Nyakatsapa Farm by Noah Makunike. Conditions for continuation of this operation are as outlined by Annual Conference.

(b) We note that the farm lease applied for by Rev. J. Chidzikwe has been approved by District Commissioner.

(c) The chairman, Conference Treasurer, Field Treasurer, all Land Agents, Rev. Nduna and the pastor of Nyakatsapa are to meet with the Farm Executive to clarify the matter of "squatters" and the problem of water rights. Time of meeting: January 31st at 10 a.m.

(d) Mrs. E. Matongo is to be given a residence lease of one acre.

4. *St. Andrews Church — Umtali.*

We note that the transfer of St. Andrew Church property in Umtali from the United Methodist Church to the Synod has now been registered.

5. *Arnoldine — Mining*

Mining operations have not yet started. Option money is being paid as agreed.

6. *Arnoldine Sand.*

Sand has been removed illegally from Arnoldine farm by the Ministry of Roads. The land Agent, Rev. D. Huddleston, is instructed to pursue the matter and obtain proper compensation.

7. *Matters of Land*

All matters regarding land and occupation of land are to be directed to the Land Agent of the area.

P. Nyamukapa (Chairman)

D. Huddleston (Vice-Chairman)

The Field Treasurer (Secretary)

Board Of Urban Ministries

There are many challenges which are increasingly confronting the Urban Ministries. However, some of them are being met with success.

A. Some activities of last year were:

1. Mangula was granted a site for the building of the church. As soon as money is available, the building will be started.

2. Mabvuku Circuit agreed with the Anglican Church to erect a church building.

3. The Christian Centre at Rusape continues its service to the community with a variety of programmes for the youth.

4. Wonderful Christian service is being rendered in all urban areas. Our town churches have proved to be centres of healthy Christian fellowship.

5. From January to August the Market Square Book Room ran a coffee house. Consequently, people of different walks of life were attracted to this place. Each session was crowned by either a movie or a church service.

B. Report of the Sakubva Christian Centre:

General Comment for the Year. The year 1972 saw a continuous improvement in bridging the gap between the Centre and the Church.

Activities. Despite the meagre budget, the Centre's activities have shown substantial improvement.

Clubs.

(1.) The girls' and women's clubs continue to grow both in the quality of work and in spirit. The Cookery Classes enjoyed the voluntary services of Mrs. Sells. With more money and effort these classes should continue to flourish.

(2) The Youth Clubs continue to move satisfactorily. S.Y.P.E.C.C. (Sakubva Peoples' Educational and Cultural Club) serves a vital role as a kind of an "ecumenical youth club, because of its non-denominational nature. When these young men come in for the night activities, they are kept away from the odd experiences they would otherwise encounter, for the idle youth is the devil's habitat.

(3) Other clubs such as CCYC (Christian Centre Youth Club) continue to be a strong witness to the youth at separate times of the week.

(4) The Young Couples' Club is comparatively influential among the young couples and adults. It has helped improve family life among married couples through sharing in fellowship and attending evening talks and programmes by local invited guest-speakers and panel discussions.

Pre-School. The Pre-school has successfully gained momentum although the death of Mrs. Chidawanyika occurred at the beginning of January, 1972. During the latter part of the year two classes had to be made, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, due to high enrol-

ment. We wish to record our sincere gratitude for the little financial gift received from Norway to buy new pre-school equipment.

Hopes for the Future. With the hope of promoting the activities of the mind at the Christian Centre, and if funds are available, an "A" level study group is contemplated. Great signs of development are seen in the promotion of music. Here the name of Mr. Patrick Matsikenyiri must not go unmentioned for his readiness to come and share the facilities for the promotion of music in the Conference.

With the help of Him who called us, there is nothing impossible.

Webster J.C. Mutamba, Director.

C. Report of the Young Women's Christian Hostel Trust — Westwood

(This report was distributed separately at Conference.)

D. *Report from African Girls' Hostel — Umtali*

The year 1972 has been a good year for our institution. Our buildings have been kept in good order. The number of residents have been so high that some of the girls have had to sleep on the floor. One room has been built on the verandah outside the church hall. It is to be used as a workroom for the girls.

The cooperation of the staff has been the best throughout the year, and regular services have been held every Sunday night in the church hall.

We look forward to another year of progress.

E. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That two people should be sent to Hippo Valley to investigate the possibility of starting our church there. The Board on Urban Ministries should look into that.

2. That there must be some investigation of starting a church service for girls of our church at Westwood Hostel.

3. That an urban Seminar should be held in Rhodesia for our urban workers.

4. That BOFAC give urgent attention to requests for financial assistance for church projects in towns, without which we cannot take advantage of the possibility of some church sites.

5. That a person be sent for further education in Urban and Industrial Mission.

6. We recommend that the Salisbury Steering Committee, under the approval of BOFAC, administer the U.S.A. \$5000,00 final grant for Urban Work as they have in the past. It must be pointed out that these funds are given to develop and strengthen urban work primarily in Salisbury because it is one of the 12 cities in the world receiving special attention.

Jotham Ustore (Secretary)

Marcia Ball (Chairman)

Wabvuwi North

The task that was given to the Disciples is ours as well. Jesus sent his disciples into the world to preach and bring more to Christ. In the same manner the Wabvuwi men have been quite active in the past year. At one district meeting, five men joined the society. This brought the number of the Wabvuwi to nine hundred and ninety-six. The statistics came from the treasurer.

Our annual convention, held at Nyadiri Campground in 1972, was enriched by the presence and singing of the Salvation Army choir. Their performance was appreciated by all who attended the meeting. The turn up of members was the result of Rev. Madzinga's special appeal about attending men's meetings.

The Wabvuwi North executive prepared a definite plan to follow in 1973. The plan is shown below in the form of recommendations:

(a) We recommend that the Rural Development Committee (North) be approached by Wabvuwi North with a proposal for establishing a programme of vocational education for school leavers (boys).

(b) We recommend that Leadership Training falls under the jurisdiction of the Rev. M. Chiza and Rev. P. Nyamukapa at no extra costs but within their budgets for training local preachers and evangelism respectively. This training should embrace the training of Wabvuwi with regard to preaching and organisation in general and that

it be done on district level. Dates for such meetings are tabulated below and are subject to changes to suit the conference evangelists.

Nyadiri-Mtoko — March 24th-25th at Mtoko.

Mrewa District — March 17th-18th at Mrewa.

Salisbury/Bulawayo Districts — February 24th-25th.

(c) We recommend that August 22nd-26th be dates to cater for the North Wabvuwi Convention at Nyadiri Camp-ground. The meeting will incorporate the U.M.Y.F. and the R.R.W. This decision came from the District Superintendents of Mrewa, Mtoko-Nyadiri and Salisbury/Bulawayo Districts. It then meant that district meetings were to be held during the April/May holidays. Notification was to be sent to District Chairmen.

Financially, the Wabvuwi North Society has improved fairly well. About \$500,00 has been banked and of this amount, we wish to buy an electric generator to be used at our meetings. The treasurer has already paid \$100,00 towards Ministerial support and \$20,00 will go towards the Samuel Tsopotsa Scholarship Fund.

Finally, it is gratifying to note that new badges and pins are underway and will soon be available for use by the Wabvuwi men.

Rodwell Kambarami (Secretary)

Nason Kaseke (Chairman)

Wabvuwi South

We thank the Lord for yet another good year of the work of the Wabvuwi movement in the Southern section of our Conference. Our Chairman has travelled extensively in the area to preach and study the work, giving help and reviving the weak in spirit. Prayer meetings are held on different days in different places, Thursdays being our official day of meeting as a group in our local churches. Our membership is growing steadily with more young men joining the movement.

Bad weather prevented many people from coming to the Annual Convention held in May at M'pudzi Camping Site — Zimunya Reserve. This meeting was very fruitful

as many people accepted Christ as their Saviour through the rich sermons given by Rev. Nyamukapa, Rev. Makuto, Dr. Murphree, Mrs. Thomas, delegates from the North, R.R.W. and U.M.Y.F. We have proposed to hold this year's annual convention from August 16th through 19th at Denzva in Chief Makoni's Country.

Our Easter week plan of sending out Wabvuwi preachers in pairs to different places was repeated last year and has proved fruitful. We are setting Nyamaropa area as a special place where we intend sending a group during this year's Easter Week, as people there are in great need of the Word of God.

We were able to help Sunnyside Junior Secondary School with \$100 last year 1972, and have about \$400 in the bank.

The idea of uniting ourselves with those of the North is in good progress and we hope to hold a joint Annual Convention in the very near future.

We are also encouraging our members in different circuits to plan methods and means of raising money other than Rupawo so that the existing spirit of helping those in need may not be hampered by lack of funds.

We are asking you all to pray for the success of our work and call upon those male Christians who have not joined the movement to do so and identify themselves as true United Methodist Men.

Peter Mudiwa (Chairman)
Newton Chiwara (Secretary)

Worship And Music

A. REPORT FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHURCH MUSIC SERVICE — Patrick Matsikenyiri

With God's Guidance:

Music has continued to enrich meetings throughout the conference and has been used by many with a purpose. To those who cared to listen and digest some of the songs presented by our choirs, they must have heard wonderful sermons from within the texts.

Meetings attended:

I was invited to help with the teaching of new songs to 3 District Conferences, R.R.W. Annual Meeting South. I

was also asked to help when I attended the 4 District Lay Man's Training Courses.

We shared knowledge with the Old Umtali Church Choir when the Choirmaster invited me to teach "Nziyo dze Church dzevu" on one weekend. It is encouraging to note that many people appreciated the use of these new tunes very much. Leaders should therefore continue to encourage this and meet this need.

The Arts Workshop which I also helped to lead as Director was held at Luveve in Bulawayo and was well attended. I wish to thank the Board of Ministry which recommended 4 ministers to attend. It was heart warming to the laity of our church who attended *to be* with their spiritual leaders in the pool of the Arts.

Progress:

The Hymnal (Music Edition of Ngoma) is progressing steadily. So far 30 hymns have been worked on in full. It is hoped that the rest will be completed by end of the year, for the project will be resumed as soon as Miss Ball returns from overseas and is settled.

The revised edition of the Church Choir Song book is under preparation and will be ready soon for use. Mr. J.E. Kaemmer has already started on it.

We made arrangements with the Kwanongoma College to print the music edition of the "Nziyo dzevu Book 2". We hope the book will be out before the end of the first Quarter and be ready for sale.

The Choir Masters refresher Course was not held this year because the material which was to be used was not yet ready. Now with the completion of the above 3 items this year, it will be possible to hold one.

Contribution:

There are many who have contributed in the field of Music in our conference. But lack of communication has made it impossible to put it on record. Please let your highlights in circuits and districts reach your Church Music Service of the Conference for records. This is the only way we can have up-to-date records of our conference.

Please continue to use our music specialists in our conference for discussions and singing.

Observation:

Many have observed that indigenous music is now needed by many of our followers; what is therefore needed is the use of these songs in our worship services when we as leaders take up the pulpit. Once we do such a thing we will have bridged the gap between the foreign and indigenous music. We are spiritually richer when we use both.

Our people continuously need reminding of qualities of good singing. This can only be achieved by providing in your church, Circuit, and District programmes, time for talks on this aspect as is the case with other units of work.

Appreciation:

I would like to thank my predecessor the Rev. J. E. Kaemmer for continuously helping in music without reservation when ever a need arises.

I also want to thank the Rev. W. Mutamba for providing me with an office to use and keep church music material at the Hilltop Christian Centre.

Records on Sale:

We have our UMBOWO RECORD on sale with hymns which if bought will be used to teach new songs to choirs and congregations with ease. Please make use of these and arrangement will be made to make more.

B. ARTS WORKSHOP

(a) The church seems to be neglecting the Arts Workshop. Those who go should make it a point to go not only once but several times. The Church should make use of those who train at the Arts Workshop, by encouraging them to go out to train others.

(b) Churches can invite Mr. P. Matsikenyiri to help with teaching new songs to their people. Choir Masters or directors are free to make such invitations to him.

(c) Pastors and choir directors should work in collaboration in order to be able to teach newly translated hymns to their congregations; variety would make the worship services rich and full of interest.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) We recommend that in future deletion of some songs from the hymnal be made with the consultation of the Worship and Music Committee and that the committee be empowered to delete the old songs or to add new songs to the hymnal.

(b) That Pastors' school should examine the possibility of having a wedding cake ritual and present it to the Worship and Music Committee.

(c) We recommend the encouragement of local church choirs.

(d) In order to improve the quality of music in our churches, we urge our pastors and choir directors to give their congregations instructions on how to sing effectively at church, circuit and district levels.

e) That we collect songs that people love to sing and those from other denominations for approval by the Committee on Worship and Music.

J. Kaemmer (Chairman)

E. Chitiyo (Secretary)

Stewardship Task Force

1. We as the Stewardship Task Force call upon the Conference to re-emphasise through the following the Biblical teachings on giving to Church:

(a) Tithing

(b) Thanks giving such as, Birth of a child, good results of children, and etc.

(c) Birthdays

(d) Easter, Christmas and New Years

(e) Read to the members the vows they took when they became full-members of the Church, and make a new list of members who pledge to support the Church.

2. (a) We recommend that each local church Lay Leader has a classmeeting book of all the local class leaders and see that all their offerings or pledges are paid through him.

(b) We recommend that the District Finance Committee be responsible to see that the church Lay Leader is

doing his duty and then report back to the Conference Lay Leader through the District Lay Leader.

The District Lay Leader, Circuit Lay Leader and Church Lay Leader should be members of the Finance Committee.

William Marima (Chairman)

Matthew C. Mataranyika (Secretary)

Evaluation Of Houses — Part Of Task Force

NYADIRI CENTRE

GROUP A

1. Mr. Jambga
2. Mr. Danadayi
3. Mr. Jemwa
4. Rev. Choto
5. Mr. T. Gwati
6. Mr. Makawa
7. Mr. Katedza
8. Dr. Sadza
9. Miss Meier and Dr. Hoover
10. Dr. Johnson
11. Mr. Kapenzi
12. Dr. Stone
13. The Nyanha House
14. Rugare (Staff N. Ho.)
15. Mr. Makombe
16. Mr. Kowo

GROUP D

1. Mr. Makamba
2. Mr. Kumbula
3. The Manyuko House
4. The Rufaro House
5. Old Baby Fold
6. Mrs. Moyana
7. Mr. Madziya
8. Mr. Kadiki
9. Mr. Mutize
10. Mr. Kafesu
11. Mr. Nyamujambanje

GROUP B

1. Rev. Makuto
2. Mr. Kuture
3. Mr. Mayuanga
4. Mr. Kuhlengisa
5. Mr. Mukwananzi
6. Mr. Nyabvure
7. Mr. Chimbganda

GROUP C

1. Old Kowo's House
2. Mr. Mafemba
3. Mr. Seaman
4. Mrs. Chadoka
5. Single Teachers' House
6. Mrs. Manokore

GROUP E

1. Mr. Tsiko
2. Taengwa
3. Mhuriro
4. Mrs. Jamakanga
5. Mr. Kasumbasora
6. M & S W. Houses

12. Mr. Machiri
13. The S. T. House D.
14. Store Girls

NYAMUZUWE

GROUP A

1. Mr. Njagu
2. Mr. Shahwe
3. Mr. Nyamugama
4. Mr. Mandizha
5. Miss M. Taylor

GROUP C

1. Mr. Ziki
2. Mr. Gumiro
3. Rev. Madzinga
4. Mrs. Mkarau

GROUP B

1. Mr. Zvenyika - Dhliwayo
2. Mr. Nyakudanga
3. Mr. Machimbidzofa — Machakaire
4. Mr. Chapata

GROUP D

1. Cooks House

MTOKO CENTRE

GROUP A

1. D.S. House

GROUP B

1. Rev. Gurupira
2. Kambarami (needs repair)

MUTAMBARA CENTRE

GROUP A

1. Rev. Kadenge
2. Rev. J.B. Jijita
3. Rev. Feiker
4. Mr. W. Kodzai
5. Mr. O. Musuka
6. Mr. E. Kawadza
7. Mr. M. Mataranyika
8. Mr. E. Musumi's (S Trs')
9. Mr. Chikwinya

GROUP B

1. Mr. Makiga
2. Mr. Mudiwa
3. Mr. Beta
4. Mr. Mashingaidze
5. Mr. Muraisi
6. Mr. Chikukwa
7. Mrs. Mukonde
8. Mr. Marewa
9. Mr. Mwandiambira

10. Mr. Sisimayi
11. Mrs. M. & Sister H.

GROUP C

1. Mr. Mandota

12. Sister Margit
13. Dr. Rudy
14. Nurses' Home

GROUP D

1. Mr. Mataure
2. Mr. Kadzura
3. Mr. Mushuma
4. Mr. Musumhi
5. Mr. Muvimwa
6. Mr. Gutukunuhwa
7. Mutengo

2. Mr. Dube
3. Mr. Mashava
4. Mr. Kaitano and Banda

GROUP E

1. Mr. Mabaja
2. Old Kasambira's House
3. Mr. Makuwa
4. Mr. Justine
5. Mr. S. Matseya
6. Mr. Magudu
7. Mr. Nasho

MREWA CENTRE

GROUP A

1. Rev. D. Mudzengerere
2. Mr. Gurure
3. Mr. S. Mazaiwana
4. Mr. G. Muhwiru
5. Mr. Muparutsa
6. Mr. Papaya
7. Mr. Chibanguza
8. Rev. Chiza
9. Mr. Matzigkeit
Mr. Mansure
10. Mr. Mandizha
11. Mr. Dzimunwe
12. Mr. Fadzi

GROUP C

1. Mr. Shahwe
2. Mr. Machiri
3. Mr. Pedzeni
4. Mr. George
5. Mrs. Zimonte
6. Single Teachers' House
7. Sakupxanya-Gahamba

GROUP D

All Houses in Old Village
Cooks House in Boardings

GROUP B

1. Miss Maugeiye-Gambidze (Single Girls)
2. Mr. Mudondo-Chiuyadza (Single Boys)
3. Mr. Masvaure
4. Mr. George
5. Mr. Chihonda

OLD UMTALI CENTRE

GROUP A

1. Mr. Marima

GROUP B

1. Mr. Runyowa

2. Mrs. Mtasa
3. Nurses' House
4. Doctors House
- Mai Mtambara
5. Mr. D. Maenzanise
6. Mr. Mutimbanyoka
- Mr. Chikwanha
7. Rev. Chinoda
8. Mr. Choto
9. Mr. Mhere
10. Mr. Mungazi
11. Mr. Chitsenga
12. Mr. Blomquist
13. Mr. Nyanyiwa
14. Mr. Machakaire
15. Mr. Dangarembga
16. Rev. Munjoma
17. Mr. Zisengwe
18. Mr. Musumhi
19. Mr. S. Sithole
20. Mr. Gandanzara
21. Rev. Chidzikwe
22. Mr. M. Chambara
23. Dhliwayo-Mzambwa

GROUP D

1. Mr. Moyana
2. Mr. Karimanzira
3. Mr. Chandigere
4. Mr. C. Marima
5. Mr. Chanaiwa
6. Mr. Rekai
7. Mr. Kahando
8. Mai Bwawa
9. Mai Zanuna
10. Mbuya Elina
11. Mr. Mutami
12. Mr. Musara
13. Mr. Maringapasi
14. Mr. Kamangira

2. Mr. Kaisa
3. Mr. Mutize & Mawoneke
4. Mr. Tsodzo
5. Mr. Mashayamombe
6. Mr. Makoni
7. Rev. Tsiga
8. Mr. Bofu
9. Old Chimbganda
10. Mr. Dzobo
11. Mr. Sarupinda -Katsidzi-
ra Mushambi & Machuma
12. Mr. Nzara & Kawadza

GROUP C

1. Miss Parks
2. Old Rev. Ball
3. Mr. Mvere
4. Mr. Matongo
5. J. Sithole
6. Mr. Haparimwe
7. Mr. Bepe
8. Mr. Sanyamahwe
9. Mr. E. Chambara
10. Mrs. Darikwa
11. Mr. Katsvara
12. Mr. Mutsago
13. Mr. Chiwandikā
14. Mr. Matsenyengwa
15. Mr. Nhiwatiwa
16. Mr. Nyanhanda
17. Mr. Chaita
18. Mr. Saungweme
19. Mrs. Jangano
20. Mr. Mutungwazi
21. Mrs. Zisengwe
22. Mr. Kwembeya
23. Mr. Ndemera
24. Mr. Chiunda

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| 15. | Mr. Sadza | |
| 16. | Mr. Makamanzi | GROUP E |
| 17. | Mr. Mvura | M & S Houses |
| 18. | Old Mabvu | |
| 19. | Mr. Sikuma | |
| 20. | Mr. Dozva | |
| 21. | Mr. T. Dozva | |
| 22. | Mr. Nyakanda | |
| 23. | Mr. Nenge | |
| 24. | Mr. Mafaro | |
| 25. | Mr. Rambiyawo | |
| 26. | Mr. Abraham | |

EVALUATION OF HOUSES

Group A	\$5
Group B	3,00
Group C	2,00
Group D	1,00
Group E	Free

Part VIII

Conference Calendar 1973

FEBRUARY

Christian Education Month

- 17 Wabvuwi North Executive meeting at Mrewa Centre
- 18 Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday
- 24-25 Salisbury / Bulawayo District Youth Leadership Training Highfield Church.
- 24-25 Salisbury/Bulawayo M.M.C. Leadership Training

MARCH

- 2 World Day of Prayer (Send Offerings to Mrs. Herbert Carter, 20, Maarsdorp Ave., Alexandria Park, Salisbury.)
- 11 First Sunday in Lent
- 16-18 Mrewa M.M.C. Leadership Training at Chitimbe Church
- 16-18 Mtoko/Nyadiri District Youth Leadership Training at Mtoko Centre

- 23-25 Mtoko / Nyadiri District M. M. C. Leadership Training at Mtoko Centre
- 24 Conference Assessment Committee at Mrewa
- 26-1st Apr. Christian Social Concerns Week
- 30-1st Apr. Mtasa / Makoni Youth Leadership Training at Gandanzara
- 30-1st Apr. Mtoko/Nyadiri District Conference

APRIL

- 6-8 Umtali South District Youth Leadership Training at Munyarari Church
- 7-8 Salisbury/Bulawayo District Conference at Mufakose
- 13-15 Mrewa District Conference, Nyamutumbu
- 15 Palm Sunday
- 19 Maundy Thursday
- 20 Good Friday
- 22 Easter Sunday
- 30-4 May R.R.W. Leadership Training at Nyadiri
- 30-6 May Arts Workshop in Manicaland, Old Umtali

MAY

- Youth Month Emphasis
- 3-6 Mrewa District M.M.C., R.R.W., U.M.Y.F. joint revival meeting at Chiwake River
- 10-12 Mrewa District Youth Leadership Training.
- 28-1st June Pastors' School

JUNE

- Christian Stewardship Emphasis Month
- 10 Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
- 10 United Methodist Student Day
- 23 North and South M.M.C. joint executive at Mrewa Centre

JULY

- 1st Student Loan Fund Sunday
- 1st Epworth Day
- 6-8 Mtasa/Makoni District Conference at Rusape Church
- 20-21 Umtali South District Conference, Rowa
- 27-29 Umtali South District Youth Revival at Damba-

kurimwa
29 Harvest Sunday

AUGUST

- 3-5 Mtasa/Makoni District Youth Revival at Nyatande
5 Ngariende Sunday (Send offerings to Conference Treasurer, Box 3408, Salisbury)
16-19 Wabvuwi South Convention at Denzva, Makoni
22-26 Salisbury/Bulawayo, Mrewa and Mtoko/Nyadiri M.M.C., R.R.W., U.M.Y.F. joint Annual Convention at Nyadiri Camp Ground
29-2nd Sept. Rukwadzano South, Dambakurimwa

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Ministry Sunday (Send offering to Conference Treasurer, Box 3408, Salisbury)
23 U.M.Y.F. Sunday
30 Christian Education Sunday

OCTOBER

- 7 World Communion Sunday
14 Laity Sunday
27 Salisbury/Bulawayo, Mtoko/Nyadiri and Mrewa M.M.C. Executive (Large)

NOVEMBER

- 16-18 Mtasa/Makoni District Lay Training
18 Bible Sunday
23-25 Umtali South District Lay Training

DECEMBER

- 1-2 Salisbury/Bulawayo District Lay Training
2 First Sunday in Advent
7-8 Mtoko/Nyadiri District Lay Training
7-13 Conference Youth General meeting at Mokto
12-14 R.R.W. Dumba in Salisbury/Bulawayo District.
14-16 Mrewa District Lay Training
25 Christmas Day
31 New Year's Eve; Watch Night

JANUARY1974 Rhodesia Annual Conference, Dec. 31-January 6, Mrewa.

Submitted by: Jonathan W. Maramba

Part VII

Committee On Memoirs

ROLL OF OUR HONOURED DEAD

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord”

(a) Bishops:

Bishop Joseph Crane Hartzell, Born June 1, 1842, Died September 6, 1928. Bishop for Africa, May 1896-1916.
 Bishop Eben S. Johnson, Born (Unknown), Died December 1939. Bishop for Africa, 1916-1936.
 Bishop John M. Springer, Born (Unknown), Died December 2, 1963. Bishop for Rhodesia 1936-1944.
 Bishop Newell Snow Booth, Born (Unknown), Died May 17, 1968. Bishop for Congo and Southern Africa, 1944-1956.

Roll Of Our Honoured Dead (Continued)

(b) Members of Conference	Place of Birth	Ent'd Conf.	Yrs. of Service	Died	Age	Place of Burial	Journal Record in
Buchwalter, Abraham L.	Fertility, Penn.	1899	26	Aug. 3, 1917	52	Monrovia, California	1917
Gurney, Samuel	Long Branch, N. J.	1887	21	Aug. 3, 1924	52	Salisbury, So. Rhodesia	1925
Howard, Herbert N.	Harrisburg, Penn.	1907	11	Mar. 7, 1925	64	Canandaigua, N. Y.	1924
Greeley, Eddy H.	Owatonna, Minn.	1907	30	April 8, 1938	55	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1938
Faku, Clifford Edward	Fort Beaufort, Cape	1924	27	Febr'y 1946	80	Fort Beaufort, Cape	1946
Kapenzi, Amos	Gandanzara	1928	20	May 4, 1948	64	Nyadiri, So. Rhodesia	1951
Zimonte, Ebson	Uzumba	1942	8	Mar. 14, 1950	50	Nyadiri, So. Rhodesia	1951
Huie, Carl William	Oneonta, Ala.	1946	4	July 21, 1950	35	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1951
Darikwa, Isaiah	Umtasa	1924	27	Aug. 17, 1951	41	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1951
Chimonyo, Obadiah	Nyambuka, Inyanga	1932	23	Aug. 25, 1955	62	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1955
Marange, Thomas	Mount Makomwe	1923	25	Febr'y 1958	63	Makomwe, So. Rhod.	1963
Bourgaize, Wilfred	Ilse, Guernsey	1921	25	Apr. 11, 1958	72	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1957
Aeschliman, Edward John	Rib Lake, Wisconsin	1916	44	Jan. 26, 1960	67	Old Umtali, So. Rhod.	1963
Mandisodza, David	Umtasa	1921	30	Dec. 29, 1962	72	Vumbunu, So. Rhod.	1963
Gates, Robert C.		1923	23	October 1964	75	Renova, Pa.	1963
Mukombiwa, Zachariah	Gazaland	1926	40	Feb. 21, 1965		Muchinjike	1963
Murphree, Marshall J.		1920	37	Oct. 7, 1966		Oneonta, Ala.	1967
Marange, Titus		1924	39	Dec. 7, 1966		Maranke Res.	1967
Ngonyama, Reginald		1925	27	Mar. 7, 1969		Old Umtali	1967
Aldrich, Sylvia	Hadley, Mich.	1953	9	May 14, 1969	72	Hadley, Mich.	1970
Mandisodza, Wilson	Inyanga	1942	25	Dec. 26, 1969		Muziti	1970
Matongo, Ezekiel	Nyamukwarara	1955	15	Mar. 6, 1970	46	Old Umtali	1972
Jangano, Elias	Nyakatsapa	1948	23	April 26, 1971	76	Old Umtali	1972
Nduna John Gonzo	Mutema T.T.L.	1928	36	Aug. 21, 1972		Rowa Farm 56	1973

(c) Wives of Members:

Naomi Mparutsa, Wife of Moses Mparutsa, died February 12th, 1933.
Emma Katsidzira, Wife of Murashwa Katsidzira, died May 3rd, 1933.
Emily Faku, Wife of Clifford Faku, died March 1, 1934.
Lydia Sika Munjoma, Wife of Isatah Munjoma, died February 12th, 1945.
Hilda Ngonyama, Wife of R. N. Ngonyama, died 1948.
Tseneke Chitombo, Wife of Jonah Chitombo, died August 30th, 1948.
Tumani Mandisodza, Wife of David Mandisodza, died June 14th, 1953.
Bertha Fowles Roberts, wife of G. A. Roberts, aged 73, died May 9th 1957. She served in Southern Rhodesia 1910-1950. Buried at Old Umtali.
Edith Kapenzi, Wife of Amos Kapenzi, died January 23, 1963. Buried at Old Umtali.
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell, came to Rhodesia in 1910, and retired in 1951. Died on January 26, 1967 in the U.S.A.
Mary Ann Fink, came to Rhodesia 1955. Died October, 1966.
Misodzi Elizabeth Chieza, Wife of Philip Chieza, died February 7, 1969. Buried at Muziti.
Rebecca Mukombiwa, wife of Zacharia Mukombiwa, died Oct. 23, 1969. Buried at Muchinjike.
Emily Hakuzari Rugayo, wife of Jackson Rugayo, died July 1, 1972
Taurwi Katsidzira, wife of Benjamin Katsidzira, died in 1972.

(d) Other Workers:

Miss Sadie Rexrode, W.F.M.S., age 38, died January 22, 1921, after three year service in So. Rhodesia. Buried at Old Umtali.
Mr. Charles F. Taylor, age 67, missionary to China, died in the Umtali Hospital, August 14th, 1937 and was buried at Old Umtali
Miss E. E. Bjorklund, age 63, died November 19th, 1930. Her missionary service extended over a period of thirty-five years. She served in China and Japan from 1894 to 1900, in East Africa at Inhambane 1910-1915 and in Rhodesia at Old Umtali 1915-1929. Buried at Old Umtali.
Miss Mildred O. Benson, age 42, died July 12th 1937, a missionary of the W.F.M.S. She served in S. Rhodesia at Old Umtali, 1926-1937. Buried at Old Umtali.
Miss Pearl Mullikin, age 71, died July 12th, 1950. She served in S. Rhodesia from 1909-1939. Buried at Wilmore, Kentucky
Miss Lois Pfaff, age 53, died March 14th, 1962, served as a missionary for 18 years. Buried at Old Umtali.
Miss Frances Quinton, age 82. died February 28th, 1965. Served in Rhodesia from 1917-1945. Buried in Frankfort, Indiana.
Mrs. Margaret Brancel, age 35. died September 14th, 1965. Served in Rhodesia from 1963-1965. Buried at Nyamuzuwe,

Rhodesia.

Miss Grace Clark, died 1965. Served in Rhodesia 1912-1947.

Miss Esther Russell, age, 38, died September 2, 1966. Served in Rhodesia 1951-1966. Buried at Rome, Pa.

Mrs. Inger Johanne W. Jansen, died April 20th, 1969. Served in Rhodesia 1950-1961. Buried in Norway.

Mr. Charles LeMasters, died Oct. 12, 1969. Served in Rhodesia 1960-1964.. Buried in America.

Sherertz, Dwight Lamar; age 77; died January 19, 1970, served as a missionary in Rhodesia 1952-1958, buried in Virginia, U.S.A.

Gates, Mildred Concord; age 75, died April 25, 1970, served as a missionary in Rhodesia 1922-1963, buried in Renova, Pa. U.S.A.

Sells, Ernest Lawrence, age 73, died September 7, 1972. Served as a missionary in Rhodesia 1929-1964, buried in Kansas, U.S.A.

HISTORICAL

Conference Sessions

EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1901 Nov. 16	Umtali and Old Umtali	Hartzell	Springer
1903 Sept. 29	Umtali	Hartzell	Beetham
1905 May 26	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1907 Mar. 13	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1907 Nov. 22	Umtali	Hartzell	Ferris
1909 July 10	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1910 Aug. 17	Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1911 June 7	Umtali	Hartzell	Gurney
1912 Feb. 17	Old Umtali	(J. R. Gates)	O'Farrell
1913 Oct. 22	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley

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1915 Jan. 20	Old Umtali	Hartzell	Greeley
1916 Feb. 16	Old Umtali	(J. R. Gates)	Greeley
1917 May 3	Old Umtali	Johnson	Greeley
1917 Dec. 7	Old Umtali	Johnson	J. R. Gates
1919 April 4	Umtali	Johnson	Gurney
1921 June 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1922 June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1923 June 19	Old Umtali	Shepard	James
1924 Aug. 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	James
1925 June 25	Old Umtali	Johnson	Wagner
1926 Nov. 4	Nyadiri	Johnson	R. C. Gates
1927 June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1928 Sept. 10	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1929 July 3	Old Umtali	Johnson	Murphree
1930 July 9	Mutambara	Johnson	Murphree

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1931 July 8	Mrewa	Johnson	Sells
1932 Sept. 28	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1933 June 14	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1934 June 13	Old Umtali	Johnson	Sells
1935 July 9	Old Umtali	Johnson	Adkins
1936 Dec. 6	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1937 Oct. 6	Nyadiri	Springer	Sells
1938 Oct. 5	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1939 Nov. 8	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells

THE METHODIST CHURCH

1939 Nov. 10	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1940 July 24	Mrewa	Springer	Sells
1941 Sept. 2	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1942 Sept. 1	Mutambara	Springer	Sells
1943 Aug. 31	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1944 Sept. 5	Old Umtali	Springer	Sells
1945 Aug. 21	Nyadiri	Booth	Sells
1946 Aug. 22	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells

1948	Aug.	23	Old Umtali	Booth	Fuller
1947	Aug.	25	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1949	Aug.	25	Old Umtali	Booth	Fuller
1950	Aug.	23	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1951	Aug.	19	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1952	Aug.	19	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1953	Aug.	16	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1954	Aug.	15	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1955	Aug.	14	Old Umtali	Hagen	Hassing
1956	Aug.	29	Old Umtali	Booth	Sells
1957	April	23	Old Umtali	Dodge	Sells
1958	May	4	Old Umtali	Dodge	Sells
1959	May	3	Nyadiri	Dodge, Booth	Goodloe
1960	April	29	Old Umtali	(Griffin), Dodge	Goodloe
1961	May	1	Old Umtali	Dodge	Choto
1962	April	23	Nyadiri	Booth	Choto
1963	April	29	Mutambara	Dodge	Choto
1964	May	11	Mrewa	Dodge	Choto
1965	May	3	Old Umtali	Zunguze	Muzorewa
1966	May	3	Nyadiri	(Kawadza)	Muzorewa
1967	May	2	Mutambara	(Kawadza)	Muzorewa

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1968	May	7	Old Umtali	Zunguze	Muzorewa
1969	April	29	Mrewa	Muzorewa	Kurewa
1970	January	6	Nyadiri	Muzorewa	Kurewa
1970	June	12	Old Umtali	Muzorewa	Musumhi
1971	January	5	Mutambara	Muzorewa	Musumhi
1972	January	4	Old Umtali	Muzorewa	Musumhi
1973	January	8	St. Ignatius	Muzorewa	Musumhi

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

BULAWAYO

Bulawayo Circuit	4151
Lovemore Nyanungo	60123-11

CASHEL

Mutambara Methodist Centre

Chairman (and Pastor)	0-0402
Principal (and Conference Secretary)	0-0421
Central Primary School	0-0414
Secondary School Headmaster	0-0420
Boys' Department	0-0403
Girls' Department	0-0412
Sisters' Home	0-0422
Hospital	0-0431
John B. Jijita, District Superintendent	0-0413
Sunnyside Homecraft School	0-0913

HEADLANDS

Arnoldine Centre	0-0530
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MANGULA

Mangula Circuit	0-2513
Enoch Chieza	115

MREWA

Mrewa Mission (Includes all those who work at Mrewa)	13
David L. Mudzengerere, District Superintendent	30
Rudolph Matongo, Nyamutumbu Church	1940

MTOKO

Nyadiri Chairman (and Pastor)	0-1813
Nyadiri Principal	0-1821
Nyadiri Teacher Training College	0-1822
Nyadiri Secondary School	0-1812
Methodist Hospital (Nyadiri)	0-1803
Nyadiri Maintenance Department	0-1804
Joseph Bisby, District Supt.	37
Nyamuzuwe Centre	0-1902
Nyamukapa, Rev. P.C. (Home)	0-18-40

PENHALONGA

Nyakatsapa Primary School	27519
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RUSAPE

Vengere Methodist Church	214
Darrell Huddleston	286
Kenneth Shamu	214
William Marara, Gandanzara Church	2040

SALISBURY

Methodist Head Office	704127 and 704128
Dental Clinic	81994
Epworth Theological College	55529
Market Square Book Room	20925
Salisbury-Bulawayo District Superintendent	20925
Harare Circuit	81657
Highfield Circuit	85838
Mabvuku Circuit	46395-29
Hans Anfinson	83784
Marcia Ball (house)	55643
Maurice Culver	55585
Tom Curtis (house)	33335
Pat Fulmer (house)	892148
John Kaemmer	82688

UMTALI

Old Umtali Centre (Includes all those who work at Old Umtali)	2433
African Girls' Hostel	3425
African Girls' Hostel Call Box	221111
Sakubva Christian Centre (Hilltop)	42947
Wesley House, 133 Main St. (George Fleshman)	3492

**RHODESIA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
STATISTICS**

1972

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT MREWA DISTRICT - 1972

WORKERS

1. Members of Conf.

A. Under appointment

(1) Africans

(2) Missionaries

B. Others

(1) Africans

(2) Missionaries

2. On Trial

3. Missionaries

4. Other Miss. Workers

5. Other Sal. Past. Workers

A. Approved Supp. Past.

B. Local Preach. and Evt.

6. Other Christ. Life Work

7. Volunteer Workers

A. Local Preachers

B. Exhort. and Class lead

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

8. Bapt. Child (und. 12y.)

9. Enrolled Beginners

10. Preparatory Members

11. Tot. on Prob. (8,9,10)

12. Full members enrolled

13. Christian Families

14. Members Men's Soc.

15. Members Women's Soc.

16. Members Youth Soc.

17. No. Preach. places

18. No. Sunday Schools

19. No. Teachers and Officers

in Sunday Schools

20. No. Pup. in S. Schools

21. Average attendance

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

22. Children Baptized

23. Adults Baptized

24. Beginners Received

25. Prep. Memb. Received

26. Full Memb. fr. Prob.

27. Full Memb. rec. by trans.

28. Full member remo. by trans.

29. Full Memb. who died

30. Christ. Marr. performed

	CHIKORE- TANDA	HEADLANDS	MARAMBA PFUNGWE	MREWA CENTRE	MREWA EAST	MREWA NORTH	MREWA SOUTH	MREWA WEST	NHOVE	UZUMBA	TOTALS
1. Members of Conf.											
A. Under appointment											
(1) Africans	1	1		3	1	1		1			1
(2) Missionaries				1							1
B. Others											1
(1) Africans	1										1
(2) Missionaries				1							2
2. On Trial											
3. Missionaries											
4. Other Miss. Workers				6			1				1
5. Other Sal. Past. Workers											
A. Approved Supp. Past.											
B. Local Preach. and Evt.			1			1					1
6. Other Christ. Life Work											
7. Volunteer Workers											
A. Local Preachers	35	80	35	15	28	33	69		23	42	360
B. Exhort. and Class lead	46	44	37	49	54	69	34		40	70	433
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY											
8. Bapt. Child (und. 12y.)	63	389	10	135	217	395	47	33	289	108	1676
9. Enrolled Beginners	30	271	42	123	66	185	49	42	128	149	1043
10. Preparatory Members	56	85	118	33	86	368	36	45	85	116	1028
11. Tot. on Prob. (8,9,10)	140	128	160	291	396	898	113	120	502	373	3114
12. Full members enrolled	278	521	144	252	495	528	472	300	409	458	3857
13. Christian Families	252	164	69	185	175	336	226	45	530	258	2340
14. Members Men's Soc.	26	36	24	21	27	53	29	37	20	38	311
15. Members Women's Soc.	155	182	75	130	217	271	186	136	199	261	1812
16. Members Youth Soc.	9	36	36	98	79	122	129	33	67	37	646
17. No. Preach. places	6	2	12	3	9	12	9	10	8		65
18. No. Sunday Schools	6	2	14	14	9	25	16	23	42	17	168
19. No. Teachers and Officers											
in Sunday Schools	16	3	33	36	21	36	31	25	60	59	314
20. No. Pup. in S. Schools	207	80	807	347	410	931	444	277	433	1065	4991
21. Average attendance	127	50	619	340	275		392	198	249	878	3128
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES											
22. Children Baptized	35	78	8	21	14	149	58	22	32	13	430
23. Adults Baptized	26	6	8	35	5	44	35	13	31	28	231
24. Beginners Received	16		25	18	14		47	27	124	149	420
25. Prep. Memb. Received	10	29	17	23	6	71	26	4	18	103	317
26. Full Memb. fr. Prob.	10		8	11	23	71	48	23	31	28	253
27. Full Memb. rec. by trans.	8	11	5	8	17		8	8	1	5	63
28. Full member remo. by trans.				6	29	8	7	19	6	6	91
29. Full Memb. who died	1	5	1	4	3	4	3	3	5	25	3
30. Christ. Marr. performed		4		6	3		7	14	6		39

MREWA

MTASA-MAKONI

MTOKO-NYADIRI

SALLSBURY-
 BULAWAYO

UMTALI SOUTH

TOTALS

CHANGE FROM 1971

EDUCATIONAL

31. No. of Schools

32. No. of Teach. in Schools

33. No. of Students (total)

A. Male

B. Female

34. Finances (in dollars)

A. Local Support

(1) On Budget

B. Government Support

(1) On Budget

(2) On Buildings

C. World Service Support

(1) On Budget

(2) On Buildings

D. Total Teach. Salaries

E. Total Expenses

(1) On Budget

(2) On Buildings

MEDICAL

35. No. of units

A. Hospitals

B. Dispensaries or Treatment Centres

C. Maternity Centres

36. Medical Staff

A. Doctors

B. Nurses

C. Nurses in Training

D. Others

37. Patients

A. Hospitalized

(1) Total No. of Pat.

(2) Total No. of days in Hospital

B. Clinic Patients

C. Daily Treatments

D. No. of Maternity Pat.

38. Finances (in dollars)

A. Local Support

(1) On Budget

(2) On Buildings

B. Government Support

(1) On Budget

(2) On Buildings

C. World Service Support

(1) On Budget

(2) On Buildings

D. Total Workers Sal.

E. Total Expenses

(1) On Budget

(2) On Buildings

17

170

4956

2843

2113

77000

15000

210000

6000

17600

10000

200000

302000

30000

3

17

10

6

72

115

-3

1

4

1

1

13

56

72

115

1791

30613

7421

14454

483

2184

15969

117410

26442

81288

2184

10617

9463

46022

2984

15654

10231

29000

13293

+6

+398

+499

+219

+2000

+5000

+6000

-393

-10000

+1600

+1013

-5000

3

17

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1791

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7421

14454

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+1570

+2636

+153

-220

+2334

-3780

-4776

-1340

-4544

-6796

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MBWA MTASA- MAKONI MTOKO-NYADIRI SALISBURY-
BULAWAYO UMTALI SOUTH OTHER TOTALS

CHANGE FROM
1971

WORKERS

1. Members of Conf.

A. Under appointment

(1) Africans

(2) Missionaries

B. Others

(1) Africans

(2) Missionaries

2. On Trial

3. Missionaries

4. Other Miss. Workers

5. Other Sal. Past. Workers

A. Approved Supp. past.

B. Local Preach. and Ewa.

6. Other Christ. life Work

7. Volunteer Workers

A. Local Preachers

B. Exhort. and Class lead

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

8. Bapt. Child. (und. 12y.)

9. Enrolled Beginners

10. Preparatory Members

11. Tot. on Prob. (8,9,10)

12. Full members enrolled

13. Christian Families

14. Members Men's Soc.

15. Members Women's Soc.

16. Members Youth Soc.

17. No. Preach. Places

18. No. Sunday Schools

19. No. Teachers and Officers

20. No. Pup. in S. Schools

21. Average attendance

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

22. Children Baptized

23. Adults Baptized

24. Beginners Received

25. Prep. Memb. Received

26. Full Memb. fr. Prob.

27. Full Memb. rec. by trans.

28. Full Memb. remov. by trans.

29. Full Memb. who died

30. Christ. Marr. performed

39

88

35

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27

312

+31

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17

92

24

-53

360

433

283

429

286

256

126

228

363

556

1418

1902

-362

+8

-460

-81

1676

1063

2283

881

968

907

715

2636

2937

738

2352

354

1667

2347

716

62

3114

1028

1483

4647

2636

2189

6410

4807

291

2114

8124

1642

246

397

+8

+471

2240

3057

5285

2635

509

2635

509

2352

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2772

771

2772

1304

84

35

-33

168

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122

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37

108

34

344

3706

1489

4346

3376

1296

-55

-1456

+945

4991

3128

241

3706

2726

2309

1489

1206

4346

3376

18440

12745

+29

+15

-357

-6

420

317

381

420

335

317

327

383

501

1848

272

372

1848

357

-6

+112

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SALISBURY-BULAWAYO
DISTRICT - 1972

	BINDURA- MOUNT DARWIN	BULAWAYO	MANGULA	SALISBURY- HARARE	HIGHFIELD	MABVUKU	MUPAKOSE	MIDLANDS CIRCUIT	NARANDJILLAS CIRCUIT	TOTALS
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WORKERS

1. Members of Conf.

A. Under appointment										
(1) Africans		1	1	1	2	1	1			6
(2) Missionaries				2	1		1			4

B. Others										
(1) Africans										
(2) Missionaries			1							3

2. On Trial						3	1			2
3. Missionaries					5					12
4. Other Miss. Workers				4		4	3			14

5. Other Sal. Post. Workers										
A. Approved Suppl. past.	1									1
B. Loc. Preach. and Evn.										

6. Other Christ. Life work		1								1
7. Volunteer Workers										
A. Local Preachers										
B. Exhort. and Class. lead	12	10	26	16	19	22	13		8	126
	24	22	24	44	36	50	17		11	228

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY										
8. Bapty. Child. (und. 12y.)	36	235	7	220	129	99	290		17	1033
9. Enrolled Beginners	25	15	18	43	108	21	89		8	327
10. Preparatory Members	24	122	27	66	184	98	79		17	679
11. Tot. on Prob. (8,9,10)	85	502	52	329	421	218	458	82	42	2189
12. Full members enrolled	61	283	167	515	852	394	258	19	86	2635

13. Christian Families	15	105	30	44	156	131	131		28	509
14. Members Men's Soc.	8	57	6	46	45	63	56	6	11	291
15. Members Women's Soc.	37	110	30	104	237	771	114	9	36	221

16. Members Youth Soc.	11	59	56	130	140	86	93		14	589
17. No. Preach. places	6	1	4	4	6	6	3		5	35
18. No. Sunday Schools	4	4	4	4	12	3	2	2	2	37

19. No. Teachers and Officers										
In Sunday Schools	5	20	26	21	22	11	10		4	119
20. No. Pup. in S. Schools	90	235	68	160	310	155	406		65	1489
21. Average Attendance	60	180	134	80	237	149	300		66	1206

PASTORAL ACTIVITIES										
22. Children Baptized	29	27	24	25	81	27	28		5	246
23. Adults Baptized	7	22		16	55	16	11		11	141
24. Beginners Received	24	15	25	10	122	4	21		11	211
25. Prep. Memb. Received		7	19	10	40	11	11	5	11	114

26. Full Memb. fr. Prob.	5	27	10	20	240	23	11		4	139
27. Full Memb. Rec. by trans.	1	50	9	15	65	24	10	1	4	180
28. Full Memb. remov. by trans.	5	45		8	11	8	9			96
29. Full Memb. who died		2		3	2	3			1	11
30. Christ. Mrrt. performed	14			4	12	4	5			39

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UMTALI SOUTH DISTRICT
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STATISTICIAN'S REPORT UMTALI SOUTH DISTRICT 1972	MARANKE CENTRAL	MARANKE NORTH	MARANKE SOUTH	MARANKE WEST	MUTAMBARA CENTRE	MUTAMBARA EAST	MUTAMBARA WEST	NYANYADZI HILLTOP	ZIMONVA NORTH	ZIMONVA SOUTH	TOTALS
WORKERS											
1. Members of Conf.											
A. Under appointment											
(1) Africans	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	13
(2) Missionaries											
B. Others											
(1) Africans						2		1			3
(2) Missionaries								1			1
(2) Missionaries								3			3
2. On Trial	1				7	1					
3. Missionaries											
4. Other Miss. Workers											
5. Other Sal. Past. Workers											
A. Approved Supp. past.											
B. Loc. Preach. and Evng.	44			1		5					
6. Other Christ. life work											
7. Volunteer Workers											
A. Local Preachers	24	38	38	29	14	45	25	38	28	54	363
B. Exhort. and Class lead	109	44	30	23	14	63	24	60	104	51	536
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY											
8. Bapt. Child. (und. 12 y.)	288		19	56	18	161	96	398	302	193	1806
9. Enrolled Beginners	190	96	167	15	98	365	147	99	192	117	1501
10. Preparatory Members	280	149	77	88	179	91	72	284	344	202	1859
11. Tot. on Prob. (8,9,10)	758	263	263	158	293	424	256	721	584	512	4807
12. Full members enrolled	568	635	434	272	497	424	256	384	730	715	6410
13. Christian Families	303		120	71	63	168	112	221	352	344	1505
14. Members Men's Soc.	29	44	33	26	34	27	34	26	52	52	468
15. Members Women's Soc.	273	395	236	166	87	142	112	143	364	320	2772
16. Members Youth Soc.	41	69	51	45	327	9	228	61	131	87	1304
17. No. Preach. places	9	8	9	7	9	9	1	10	11	14	84
18. No. Sunday Schools	14	8	13	14	5	8	12	6	5	12	108
19. No. Teachers and Officers											
20. No. Pup. in Sunday Schools	59	39	18	14	33	34	23	11	73	22	344
21. Average attendance	410	271	296	295	500	389	288	282	690	550	4346
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES											
22. Children Baptized	59	70	17	13	18	30	52	60	36	83	619
23. Adults Baptized	32	60	5	11	27	52	64	24	13	43	372
24. Beginners Received	55		98	5	14	61	59	7	14	9	301
25. Prep. Memb. Received			40	6	20	25	65	6	16	52	363
26. Full Memb. fr. Prob.	30		27	13	27	44	62	18	44	62	486
27. Full Memb. rev. by trans.	8		10	4	31	18	7	3	7	14	137
28. Full Memb. who died	10		11	2	70	15	2	4	11	13	192
29. Christ. Marr. performed	4	3	6	3	4	2	8	4	5	9	43
	7	20	4					9		7	111

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NYADIRI-MTOKO DISTRICT									
1972									
WORKERS									
1. Members of Conf.									
A. Under appointment									
(1) Africans								3	8
(2) Missionaries	1	1		1			1	1	1
B. Others									
(1) Africans								1	1
(2) Missionaries	1							3	4
2. On Trial								7	10
3. Missionaries	1								
4. Other Miss. Workers									
5. Other Sal. Past. Workers									
A. Approved Supp. Past.									
B. Loc. Preach. and Eva.									
6. Other Christ. life work			1						4
7. Volunteer workers									
A. Local Preachers									
B. Exhort. and Class lead	49	7	34	42			22	28	7
	60	14	45	51	21		2	24	236
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY									
R. Bapt. Child. (und. 12y.)	257	228	58	126	3	68	83	67	78
9. Enrolled Beginners	94	92	63	166	62	53	183	69	125
10. Preparatory Members	92	66	81	66	100	41	85	39	907
11. Tot. on Prob. (8,9,10)	443	381	202	358	165	208	351	175	715
12. Full members enrolled	520	505	204	378	86	193	316	445	2636
13. Christian Families	81	166	52	145	34	65	123	32	2927
14. Members Men's Soc.	49	48	19	27	14	12	43	24	738
15. Members Women's Soc.	349	367	126	262	31	112	90	215	254
16. Members Youth Soc.	378	67	95	38	10	12	34	39	1667
17. No. Preach. places	3	8	7	18	3	15	5	8	724
18. No. Sunday Schools	16	12	38			7			77
19. No. Teachers and Officers in Sunday Schools	41	11	51	60	12	11	22		30
20. No. Pup. in S. Schools	573	729	665	255	128	180	325	299	278
21. Average attendance	430	427	370	171	107	156		159	3908
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES									
22. Children Baptized	19	39	26	17	3	4	13	36	160
23. Adults Baptized	14	4	20	25	5		38	19	46
24. Beginners Received	8	68	18	120	21	3	17	15	335
25. Prep. Memb. Received	5	70	14	9	11		6	15	152
26. Full Memb. fr. Proba.	10	59	10	20	6		16	10	176
27. Full Memb. rec. by trans.	12	4	12	14	2	5	9		67
28. Full Memb. remov. by trans.	4	2		7	2		17	2	70
29. Full Memb. who died	5	3					1	3	12
30. Christ. Mort. performed	9	5	4	6	1		4		35

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MTASA-MAKONI DISTRICT
1972

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT MTSARA-MAKONI DISTRICT 1972																			
WORKERS																			
1. Members of Conf.																			
A. Under appointment																			
(1) Africans																			
(2) Missionaries																			
B. Others																			
(1) Africans																			
(2) Missionaries																			
2. On Trial																			
3. Missionaries																			
4. Other Miss. Workers																			
5. Other Sal. Past. Workers																			
A. Approved Suppl. Past.																			
B. Local Preach. and Eva.																			
6. Other Christ. Life Work																			
7. Volunteer Workers																			
A. Local Preachers																			
B. Exhort and Class lead																			
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY																			
8. Bapt. Child (und. 12 y.)																			
9. Enrolled Beginners																			
10. Preparatory Beginners																			
11. Tot. on Prob. (8,9,10)																			
12. Full members enrolled																			
13. Christian Families																			
14. Members Men's Soc.																			
15. Members Women's Soc.																			
16. Members Youth Soc.																			
17. No. Preach. places																			
18. No. Sunday Schools																			
19. No. Teachers and Officers in Sunday Schools																			
20. No. of Pup. in S. Schools																			
21. Average Attendance																			
PASTORAL ACTIVITIES																			
22. Children Baptized																			
23. Adults Baptized																			
24. Beginners Received																			
25. Prep. Memb. Received																			
26. Full Memb. Ir. Probab.																			
27. Full Memb. rec. by Trans.																			
28. Full Memb. remov. by Trans.																			
29. Full Memb. who died																			
30. Christ. Marr. performed																			
CHIDUKU NORTH																			
CHIDUKU SOUTH																			
CHIZAWANA																			
GANDAZARA																			
HONDE VALLEY																			
INYANGA																			
MAKONI																			
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OLD UMTALI																			
RUSAPE RAILWAY																			
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TOTALS																			

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